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TODAY'S NEWS

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Multi-party talks finally opened at Stormont in Northern Ireland yesterday, with Sinn Fein at the negotiating table. But, following a very unhelpful statement from the IRA last week, the unionist parties were not present. David Trimble, leader of the Ulster Unionists, sat munching rolls and soup in a Belfast café as the pressure mounted on him to turn up and talk. Despite that, both the British and Irish governments have high hopes that the Protestants will enter the negotiations soon - perhaps even as early as today. That would mark an historic first, bringing the two sides together at last. David McKittrick reports on page 8

Royal reform agenda

The experiences of the Royal Family since the death of Diana, Princess of Wales, have provoked discussions at Buckingham Palace about lessons that need to be learned. As the palace hit back in an unusually strongly worded statement refuting a series of stories about its handling of the funeral, a spokesman admitted that the monarchy would have to adapt . Full story, page 3

Killer wasps at large Species of insects lured north by climate change are

spreading across Britain. They include particularly nasty varieties of wasp and hornets, which have been making people's lives a misery this summer.

Benazir hunted

Switzerland has frozen bank accounts held there by Benazir Bhutto and her family, at the request of the Pakistan government. This is the most dramatic . move in a campaign waged against the former Prime Minister by her opponents who allege that she was involved in massive corruption. Page II

SEEN & HEARD

Radio 3 is fed up with the cold and flu season disturbing its recordings of classical concerts, so in order to guarantee perfect silence this autumn it is giving our cough sweets to the audiences in concert halls. The radio station has developed its own brand of strong cough sweets which will be given our by dispensers in dozens of concert halls, including the Royal Festival Hall and the Symphony Hall in Birmingham. The BBC has even gone to the lengths of producing a rustle-free wrapper for the sweets to ensure that the listener at home knows nothing of the audience's sucking habits. A BBC spokeswoman denied that asthma inhalers will be tried if the sweets don't work.

Blair: My vision for the year 2000



Tony Blair: 'We've been given a huge opportunity, and it is a huge responsibility to make the most of it"

Photograph: Brian Harris

Tony Blair last night committed himself to an ambitious programme to rid Britain of the underclass he inherited in May. In an interview with The Independent he warned of more tough decisions ahead on the Welfare State, and indicated that private companies could be

Our Political Editor reports on the Prime Minister's new "test for the millennium" and his post-election programme, to be unveiled at this month's Labour conference.

involved in his reforms of it.

An ambitious three-pronged programme to "create a country that can hold its head high as the model of what a 21st-Century developed nation should be," was last night outlined by the Prime Minister.

Speaking from Chequers, Mr Blair said the three key elements, which will he used to focus the Labour conference later this month, were a competitive econonly built not on low wages, but high skills, and the creativity of a well-educated workforce; a society "where we are getting rid of this idea of an underclass, a set of people apart from the rest of society"; and an end to the years of Conservative isolationism in world affairs.

Mr Blair said: "All those things are achievable. It is possible for us to create a country of greater opportunity, provided we set aside some of the problems we have had in the past and provided the Labour Party and the Labour Government is concentrated on addressing the real concerns of people, rather than slipping backwards.

But he warned that there were bard choices ahead. The Government had already taken tough action on the economy: giving the Bank of England independence to set interest rates, and by cutting the budget deficit, national debt and public borrowing. No decisions had yet been taken on reform of the Welfare State, but he added: "The basic principle is that the role of government is to organise proper levels of social provision.

the private sector, some through the public sector, some may be done by a combination of public-private sector.

"I don't think anyone seriously believes that pension provision in the future is going to be the preserve solely of the public sector. It isn't. And there are other areas where we've got to make sense of the modern world."

Mr Blair cited the position taken by the Government on student finance -"Another very good example of that which is a difficult and hard decision."

He said: "The only way we are going to get additional resources into the university system and allow larger numbers of students is if we change the system of finance, where the state will provide a fair

The Prime Minister would not be

BY ANTHONY **BEVINS**

drawn on the application of those principles to other areas of welfare like the burgeoning bill for disability benefits - but Government sources argue that part of Labour's current popularity is built on the public recognition that a sound foundation is being made for the future.

There is also a strong element of the Prime Minister making use of the unique political scene - a combination of a landslide majority in May, a new deal of co-operation with the Liberal Democrats, who attend their first meeting of the "Lab-Dem" Cabinet committee on constitutional reform tomorrow: and the continuing turnoil in the Tory

With the defection of former MP Hugh Dykes in yesterday's headlines, leading figures like Lord Tebbit questioning William Hague's experience, and Kenneth Clarke appealing for an end to "carping", the new Conservative leader last night delivered a hastily arranged

"Some may be done directly through speech to party activists in an attempt to get a grip on his party.

But Mr Blair told The Independent: The Conservatives still haven't decided what type of political party they are. But for a large part of the party, however, they see it drifting further and further to the Right, and there will be a lot of One Nation Tories who are dissatisfied.

"They have carried on in a situation where they still will not choose between the wish to carry on with the policies of the 1980s and Thatcherism, or whether they wish to return to the centre-ground. and they have not decided that.

"But most of the direction appears to be moving to the Right, and that is the dominant strain of the Tory party. Well, I think a lot of the One Nation Conservatives will not feel that their place any longer is in the Conservative Party."

A senior Labour Party source suggested earlier that there could be further defections afoot, "Watch this space," he

But Mr Blair said that the Tories should not be under-estimated. "I do not write them off in any shape or form." he said. "The difficulty for them is that they don't have clear direction and until they get that clear direction ..." As for his own position, Mr Blair said that considerable strides had been made towards the delivery of Labour's manifesto pledges on education, health, employment, and law and order - "given that we've only been in government, what, five months."

That did not mean that he was resting on his laurels. "I believe we are doing a good job. But I am not complacent about it and I think it's very important that there is a sense of humility in the Government, too. That we recognise that we've been given a huge opportunity, and it is a huge responsibility to make the most







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OUR CHANGES



This morning The Independent has changed. It has changed because The Independent exists not only to be newsy and entertaining, but also to be challenging and innovative. When we first launched, 11 years ago, we changed the broadsheet market, bringing fresh ideas and attitudes. We aim to do the same again, by creating a paper that is accessible and easy to read while being serious and responsible; that meets the needs of modern readers, and enables us to give you the best writing and the best pictures in the format that most suits you. For that reason we have spent many months testing this new paper with you, our readers, and with readers of other papers. We are confident that you will find it a vast improvement.

The idea of the new front page is very simple. It will carry the best picture and the best or most interesting piece of writing we have to offer on the day. Sometimes it will be a conventional lead story, sometimes it won't. Alongside, there will be a panel listing all the lead stories of the day, in an easily accessible form.

The soul of the paper is unaltered: our writers, pictures, and our political and cultural approach are all as you'd expect. The vessel, though, is radically different. Big, hoarsely shouting headlines are out. This should make the paper easier to read, but it also means that there are more stories and more words per page than before. If the opposite of dumbingdown is smartening-up, then that is what we are doing.

The main aim of the new look is to be useful. Headlines will be more clearly descriptive. We have introduced pithy explanatory paragraphs at the top of every main story to give you the essence of the piece. Each page has a label; where stories about health, or crime, or whatever, are grouped together, you know what you are getting.

A series of story-packed pages, mainly on the left-hand side, ensures that readers of The Independent will know everything they need to, every day. But there will be plenty of space too for us to dwell on the big subjects. The out-of-date rigid division between home news and international news has been broken down. When we have, say, environmental stories from different countries, it seems perverse to scatter them throughout the paper: they will all go on one page.

We have brought features pages, along with some arts and style pages, back into the main broadsheet section. The sharper second section now has two clear roles. One is to provide special daily supplements containing job-related advertising: "Media+" on Monday, "Network+" on Tuesday. "City+" on Wednesday, and "Education+" on Thursday. Around these goes a daily arts and listings guide, with interviews and other features, called "The Eye". On Fridays, "The Eye" is a more substantial offering, with all the best features and reviews of the week's film openings and music. Tom Sutcliffe's daily television column appears on page three of "The Eye"; the TV listings remain, handily, on the the back. An addition to the paper is Bill Hartston's daily weather column, also in "The Eye".

Other new features include cartoon strips (below). One is the attractively named "Zits", a hugely popular new American strip which is published here for the first time; the other is "7.30 for 8" by Chris Priestley. It takes place at a never-ending dinner party, where a mix of guests chew over the pasta, themselves and the world around us. Chris also takes over our main leader-page slot.

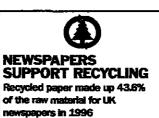
On Saturday, the order of supplements is a little altered, with more about spending money, travel and with the usual array of columnists. Our Saturday magazine is now called "ISM", which stands for Independent

This morning, The Independent is simply the best-looking and best-written paper you can buy. I would ask all readers, new ones and regular loyalists, to give themselves a little time to soak it up. The introductory price is offered partly as a modest thank-you to those regulars who have stood by us in the difficult times, and as an unashamed invitation to new readers to try us for a few days. But this is not a price-cutting strategy: from next Monday we will sell at the normal broadsheet price. We have been working a long time on this, and, after halting the paper's circulation slide, I feel this is the right moment to jump ahead again. Write to me with your reactions. I promise to read every letter, though I can't promise individual replies. And ... enjoy!

Andrew Marr



quota "Independent"



PEOPLE



Tracey Uliman and friends put girl power into the Emmy limelight

British actresses stole the limelight at America's pres- the 49th annual Emmy Awards. In the acting catetigious television awards in Los Angeles this weekend as Tracey Ullman and Diana Rigg were each awarded an Emmy in a ceremony watched by an estimated 620 million television viewers worldwide.

cornedy series with Tracey Takes All. She said: "As the in Third Rock from the Sun, which won five awards. Spice Girls could say: 'Girl Power!' I beat the boys." Rigg won the outstanding supporting actress

award for her role in the mini-series of Rebecca. There was also acclaim for British star Helen Mirren as Prime Suspect 5: Errors of Judgement won best mini-series for the third time. But Mirren lost out in the best-actress awards.

Frasier was named best comedy for the fourth consecutive year while Law & Order was a first-time winner as best drama, making NBC the top network at

gories three of the sections mirrored last year's winners - NYPD Blue's Dennis Franz as best actor in a drama, Helen Hunt, in Mad About You, best actress in a comedy, and John Lithgow as best actor Ullman won her award for best variety, music or in a comedy for his role as an alien in human form

The only newcomer in the top acting categories was Gillian Anderson as best actress in a drama, for The X-Files. HBO's mini-series Miss Evers' Boys, about government experiments on black men with syphilis, also won five Emmys, including one for Alfre Woodard as best actress in a mini-series.

One major surprise was NBC's hospital drama ER, which had the most nominations, with 22, but

which won only three technical Emmys. — David Lister

Children's saviour enters race for Irish presidency Adi Roche, the children's cam- 70-truck convoys carrying medical supplies to the Ukraine, and has

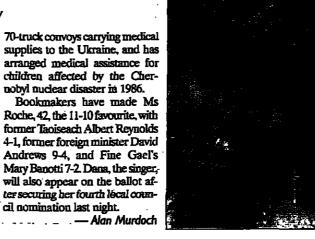
paigner, yesterday did an aboutturn and agreed to enter the race for the post of President of Ireland. children affected by the Cher-

from Dick Spring, the Labour leader, after she earlier declined a Fianna Fail approach. Ms Roche, who is running as the

Project charity she founded six cil nomination last night.

The invitation to stand came nobyl nuclear disaster in 1986. Bookmakers have made Ms

Roche, 42, the 11-10 favourite, with former Taoiseach Albert Revnolds 4-1, former foreign minister David People's candidate to embrace the Andrews 9-4, and Fine Gael's widest possible support, said in June Mary Banotti 7-2. Dana, the singer, she was unwilling to step down as will also appear on the ballot afhead of the Chernobyl Children's ter securing her fourth local counyears ago, since when she has led _____ — Alan Murdoch



Basil plays hide-and-seek in Blunderland

Cardinal Basil Hume, the head of healthy". He likens a relationship Dodo replied: "The best way to the Roman Catholic Church in with God to a game of hide-and-England and Wales, has described seek. Praying, he says, is "like tele- of the race, the Dodo declared: his spiritual life as "more a wandering in Blunderland than a resting and relaxing in Wonderland."

In his new book, Basil in Blunderland", published today, the Cardinal gives a frank account of how he finds it difficult to pray, adding that "to realise that we are inept and that we blunder is

phoning somebody who appears to be deaf and apparently has nothing to say," but is, nevertheless, for everyone.

In the prologue, he refers to the Caucus-race organised by the Dodo in Lewis Carroll's Alice in Wonderland. When Alice asked "What is a Caucus-race?", the

explain is to do it," and, at the end "Everybody has won, and all must have prizes."

Both statements are, in the Cardinal's view, "profoundly theological". "In God's world everybody wins, but ... you have to join the race. If you refuse to run in God's race, you won't get a prize."

HEALTH

Hospital toll overtakes road deaths

Hospital infections account for more deaths a year in the UK than road accidents or suicides, it was disclosed yesterday.

At any one time, 10 per cent of hospital in-patients are suffering from an infection contracted since they were admitted. These infections cause 5,000 deaths a year and contribute to a further 15,000.

The findings come in a new book on Hospital Acquired Infections (HAI) published by the Office of Health Economics, which studies the financial aspects of health care. The study finds the most common infections contracted from hospitals are in the urinary tract, surgical wounds and lower respiratory tract. The report's authors, from the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine, say patients who contract an infection in hospital cost the health service an estimated extra £500 to £3,600 per case, mainly through delayed recovery. The total bill to hospitals in England was believed to be £170m, according to a 1993 study. The new report says up to a third of the cases can be prevented.

Wild blue yonder beckons the young



A Manifesto for Youth Adventure was launched yesterday with the aim of breathing new life into a tradition of outdoor pursuits and adventuring through schools and youth groups. Disadvantaged youngsters with low self-esteem and "at risk" of turning to crime are reckoned to be high among those who benefit.

Sir Chris Bonington, mountaineer and patron of the Foundation for Outdoor Adventure, said he was convinced "well-managed adventurous experiences can be of enormous value to the young?. Opportunities for outdoor activities through schools are on the wane, often due to financial pressures. But team work outdoors can improve relationships and develop judgement, says the Foundation. Adventuring addresses directly the common complaint that "people are information rich and experience poor". – Stephen Goodwin

● Foundation for Outdoor Adventure, St Michael's Nook, Muncaster, Ravenglass, Cumbria CA18 1RD.

SOCIETY

Single mothers kinder to children

Single mothers may endure the pressures of living with low incomes, poor housing and lack of social support, but they do not resort to physically punishing or abusing their children as much as two parent families, according to research funded by the Department of Health.

The researchers suggest it may be the presence of the father which makes it more difficult for the mother to control the children. The study, carried out at the Thomas Coran Research Unit at the University of East London, comes in the wake of reports that the children of single mothers are more at risk from severe punishment, and that they also have more behavioural problems than children of two parents families.

EMPLOYMENT

It's still a man's world at the top

It's still very much a man's world, especially when it comes to top jobs. according to an Equal Opportunities Commission study published yesterday. The commission, in its report Facts About Women and Men 1997, found that, despite making up some 45 per cent of those in paid work, women still only account for 33 per cent of managers and administrators, 6 per cent of police sergeants and 15 per cent of partners in legal

Women working full time earn just 80 per cent of men's average hourly wage ~ a gap which has narrowed by only 7 per cent in 20 years.

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Sources close to Kitty Kelley reveal it's all a lot of tittle-tattle

Kitty Kelley, the controversial American biographer, will set the world gossiping this week about the loves and private lives of the Royal Family.

But is it all tawdry hype rehashing ancient and unproven gossip? Paul McCann talks to some of the people cited as "sources".

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The veracity of the Kelley muck-raking book The Royals crumbled yesterday after her named sources emerged as professional gossips, left-wing republican journalists or she got an indifferent steak above the Coach were simply dead.

Much of the information in the book is attributed to "confidential sources" in the royal household, but many of those who are of the royal great and good. Rather I was named denied yesterday providing Ms Kelley with any useful information while others turned out to be the third-hand reminiscences of dead aristocrats.

The Duke of Leeds, who is the source of very intimate details of the Queen's early married years, actually died in 1964. Instead his testimony is reported third-hand through Nigel Dempster, the Daily Mail gossip columnist, who is married to the Duke's

Indeed the book's index reads like a who's who of Britain's highest-paid gossips and includes Ross Benson of the Express, Peter McKay of the Daily Mail and Taki, columnist at the Spectator.

Dame Barbara Cartland, the romantic novelist, is quoted as the source of information on Earl Mountbatten and Prince Charles, but she denied ever having met, spoken to or corresponded with Kitty Kelley: "My secretary told me she wasn't safe," said Dame Barbara yesterday.

"So she wouldn't let me speak to her." A close reading of The Royals reveals that Dame Barbara's information is in fact lifted from an old interview.

correspondent and spokesman for Mohamed Al Fayed, refused to help Ms Kel-some great stones. No one has yet sued Ms ly yet found himself in the book as the Kelley for claiming Nancy Reagan source of a quote by Andrew Morton, writer domineered her husband and had an afof Diana: Her True Story. In fact Mr Cole's, fair with Frank Sinatra in the White told a television interviewer last night that quote was lifted from a letter he wrote to House. A story missed by the rest of the The Independent in 1992. "It rather indi-, world's press.

cates the essence of the techniques that have been used." said Mr Cole yesterday.

The provenance of other material may be difficult to ever substantiate. John Barratt, former private secretary to Earl Mountbatten, is quoted on the Royal Family's alleged parsimony. Mr Barratt died in 1993 just when Ms Kelley started her

Some of the less "establishment" sources named in the book include Rosie Boycott, editor of the Independent on Sunday, the writer Christopher Hitchens and lan Histop, editor of Private Eye.

"I told her zip," said Mr Hislop yesterday. "She came to one Private Eye lunch, and Horses in Soho and that was it.

"I am not in the business of giving other people stories and I am not an intimate interested to find out what she had. She didn't tell me.'

Ms Boycott said yesterday that Ms Kelley's choice of informants seemed wide: "If she's quoting me as a source it makes one shudder to think about the quality of her sources. I've only heard the same codswallop that the world has heard. I met her twice and suggested she talk to a friend who told her nothing."

"I think she found it very difficult to get information here compared to in the US where everyone eventually gave in to her. It just didn't work like that here which is why the book was extended beyond just

However, Christopher Hitchens, who is based in Washington DC and has read the book, believes it has some merit: "It is the best single account of how their reputation got to the state it is in now. It contains at least a mention of everything you've ever heard. It's all in there and there is also some added value. Some rumours she chases down and disproves, others she makes a good case for."

massive research means each book contains



Dame Barabara Cartland: I didn't speak to her. The Duke of Leeds: Has been dead for 33 years





Kitty Kelley: Despite the lack of named royal sources her reputation for massive research means each of her books contains some great stories. None of her subjects has sued herPhotograph: Colorific



me anything' Rosie Boycott: 'I told her to speak to a friend



Tears – and just a tinge of regret

She's written a book full of deceit, greed, sexual dalliance and general dysfunction. But Kitty Kelley is feeling a touch of remorse as her biography of the Windsor dynasty hits bookshops in America tomorrow. Review

copy in hand, David Usborne understands her embarrassment.

Despite the lack of named royal sources The American biographer who spent four Michael Cole, the former BBC court Ms Kelley's reputation for conducting years trawling London for sleazy morsels on the myriad tribulations of the Windsors is voicing regret. Sort of.

Kitty Kelley, whose tome, The Royals, will not be published in Britain, tearfully she had asked for a delay in publication, out of respect for Diana, the Princess of

Wales. The book, which amounts to a 500- Diana seem almost tame. More certain of while, to appreciate Ms Kelley's portrayal page chronology of the serial crises, most of them already well-known, to have afflicted the Royal Family over 80 years since the First World War, is being released one week early by its publisher, Warner Books, because of the heightened public interest in the Royals...

"I feel awkward about coming out with NBC news magazine, Dateline. "I'm absolutely wrought by the Princess's death. And I wish I weren't coming out with the book now"

According to a transcript obtained before the interview's broadcast, Ms Kelley continued: "It just seemed a powerful book. It can wait. The publishers argument was people need to know this. They're hungry for information."

So laden is the book with tales of deceit, greed, sexual dalliance and general dysfunction that passages concerned with

public attention - and of distress inside the of her as a cold and distant mother. The Palace - are sections offering stories less author quotes the Queen Mother telling well known about the Windsors themselves.

much anticipated revelation that the Queen and Princess Margaret were brought into the world with the assistance of artificial insemination. King George VI, according the book right now," Ms Kelley told the to Ms Kelley, had trouble in the stud department.

> Sex, unsurprisingly, is the ingredient that runs through the book and which guarantees it its shock value. Well-rehearsed in these pages, are the departures from fidelity of Prince Charles (Camilla), Diana (Hewitt) and Sarah Ferguson (Bryan).

> There is hardly a member of the Royal Family, of any generation, whose fidelity is not questioned by Kelley and the marriage of Prince Philip and the Queen is stripped bare.

The Queen herself is unlikely, mean-

someone at a dinner party that the per-Almost at the book's opening comes the ception that Prince Philip had been the beastly parent to Charles was wrong. "If they only knew the truth," she allegedly said. "It was always Lilibet who was too strict and Philip who tried to moderate her."

The book, particularly its conclusion, is inevitably coloured by the Diana tragedy that came after its dispatch to the printers.

Especially poignant is the claim that the Queen has found it too painful seriously to contemplate plans, codenamed Operation Lion, for dealing with the death of the Queen Mother.

But she apparently had made it clear that any funeral should be special indeed, culminating in a service and eulogies in Westminster Abbey.

That funeral, of course, has now happened. But it was not the Oueen Mother's.

Palace hits back at series of inaccurate stories

Rumours of rifts and splits within the Royal Family have kept the media busy since the death of the Princess of Wales.

But, as Jojo Moyes reports, "The Firm" is fighting back.

The death of Diana, Princess of Wales, has prompted Buckingham Palace and Prince Charles's advisers to begin discussions over reforms to the monarchy.

In a strongly worded statement, the palace hit back at "inaccurate stories" about its handling of the funeral and reiterated the Queen's stated view that there were lessons to be drawn from the Princess's death and the public reaction to it.

The statement warned against speculating about what form the changes might "That process ... is not helped for the

Royal Family or anyone else by unfounded speculation. As for lessons for the palace, the Queen's advisers are of course working closely with the Prince of Wales's office," a spokesman said.

The Prince of Wales has long encouraged debate about the reform of the monarchy through his Way Forward group, comprising the Royal Family and immediate staff, which meets twice a year.

He is understood to have advocated such measures as cutting the size of the official HRH-styled Royal Family, allowing firstborn daughters to succeed the throne, and ending the ban on marrying Roman Catholics.

But a spokesman said yesterday that the discussions relating to the Princess's of national mourning. Reports yesterday death were "a different thing", and not suggested that this was due to a public



Prince Charles: Encouraged debate

discussed by the Way Forward group. Either way, a survey in the Daily Telegraph last week underlined the need for reform. When asked whether the monarchy needed to change. 71 per cent of those polled agreed, compared with 54 per cent

Calls for reform were strengthened by the apparent mability of the palace to be seen to respond effectively to the mood something that would necessarily be relations failure, rather than a failure of the truth," the palace spokesman said.

palace itself. Perhaps in light of this, the palace used an unusually strong and comprehensive statement yesterday to scotch "speculation and inaccurate stories" of rifts within the palace in the days surrounding her foneral.

"These stories need to be corrected," the statement said, and went on to refute those that had "gained currency" in recent days.

"Stories of disputes between the Royal Family and the Spencer family are false. The funeral arrangements were made in less than a week. Inevitably there were some minor differences over points of detail but these were swiftly and amicably resolved,"

"The Queen took decisions in close consultation with the Prince of Wales at Balmoral. Her advisers were in close touch with those of the Prince of Wales and the Prime Minister.

"Suggestions that pressure had to be exerted on the Queen by anyone, including the Prince of Wales, are false. Stories of disagreements and heated conversations between the Prince of Wales and Sir Robert Fellowes (the Queen's private secretary) are equally false."

Although a palace spokesman declined the name specific reports to which it referred, the latter two refutations are believed to refer to claims made Jon Snow on Channel 4 News.

It claimed that Prince Charles had a blazing row with Sir Robert Fellowes, in which Sir Robert was told to "impale himself on his own flagstaff".

It also claimed that Tony Blair had to act as an intermediary between the Royal Family and the Spencers, saying that the Queen had requested that Diana have a low-key, private funeral.

"These stories are the direct opposite

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Demand outstrips supply for tribute record

Demand for the Elton John song "Candle In the Wind" continued to outstrip supply yesterday as the number of copies pressed and distributed worldwide reached eight million.

day of sale, was disappearing off shelves as fast as stock arrived.

It also became the first-ever single to the chance to buy it.

go on sale in Israel. Until now the country's relatively small music-buying population meant singles were not viable and the music market was exclusively albums. But music industry executives decid-

The single, which set a record by reached that the tribute to Diana, Princess of ing the top of the British charts on its first Wales, which is tipped to become the biggest-selling single of all time, was so big that its people should also be given

Mercury Records said manufacturers have now pressed enough copies to meet Britain's 1.5 million advance orders - but the re-orders have started to roll in. More singles will be manufactured and shipped

Elton John himself has refused to take the credit for the demand and vowed never to perform the song again because it would be "milking" the tragedy.

The nine worst prisons are named



Holloway jail: Inspectors found an atmosphere of 'intimidation and violence'

The nine worst jails in England and Wales have been identified and for the first time named. Tightening budgets and overcrowding are pushing the prison system into a deeper

Jason Bennetto, Crime Correspondent, reports.

A series of walk-outs and damning reports by inspectors and officials has forced the Prison Service to take urgent action to improve conditions at nine jails.

The prisons have been singled out as needing special managerial attention following a range of criticisms including neglect, chronic staff shortages, and impoverished regimes.

Three of the jails are for young offenders aged under 21, three are a mix of men and women, two are for male criminals and the remaining one is for women.

The nine have been selected from the 135 jails in England and Wales, but the full list has not been published before.

Prison officers have long warned that the jails are rapidly deteriorating and in need of further investment and additional staff. Soaring prison numbers, which have topped the record 62,000 mark, and a clampdown on spending have placed violence" at Holloway.

THE BLACKLIST

Blundeston: Secure category B male prison, Lowestoft, Suffolk. Bullwood Hall: Young offenders institution for females in Hockley, Essex. Chelmsford: For convicted and unconvicted male adults and young offenders in Essex. Glen Parva: Young offenders' institution for males in Wigston, Leicestershire. Hindley: Remand centre for male young offenders aged under 21 near Wigan,

Holloway: Women's jail in north London. Low Newton: Remand centre for men and women near Durham. Risley: Low-risk category C prison for

men and women in Warrington, Cheshire. Wellingborough: Low-risk category C adult male training prison in

huge pressures on the prison estate. Sir David Ramsbotham, the Chief Inspector of Prisons, has agreed with Richard Tilt. the Director General of the Prison Service, to delay any visits to the problem jails until remedial measures have had chance to take effect.

Criticisms by inspectors of the nine jails include an "impoverished and neglectful" regime at Glen Parva, conditions for young offenders at Chelmsford that may breach United Nations minimum standards, and "very serious intimidation and

Cinema chain plans to close 20 city-centre sites

The growth of out-of-town multiplexes is largely to blame for the planned closure of 20 city-centre cinema sites, the ABC cinema chain said last night. The move left 200 jobs hanging in the balance last night after a 16-month review by a new management team at the company. Barry Jenkins, the company's chief executive, yesterday criticised planners. "I believe that it is important for local planning authorities to adhere to the Government's guidelines in restricting out-of-town developments so that the vitality of town centres is preserved," he said.

ABC, which said it would retain its position as the secondlargest British-owned cinema company even after the sell-off, is a multiplex operator itself. But it will reinvest the proceeds of the sale in multiplex developments mainly in town centres, such as those in Edinburgh, Oxford and Nottingham. It has plans for three more multiplexes by the end of next year.

John Wilkinson, chief executive of the Cinema Exhibitors Association of cinema operators, said no one closed cinemas people were attending. Car parking was one problem in city centres. "There is pressure on every cinema site whether it is new or old to attract an audience. Some sites find it more difficult than others. But there are more screens opening than closing." An estimated £1.5bn has been invested in cinema since 1984.

US takes diet pills off shelves

Two of the United States's most popular diet pills - which are also used by tens of thousands in the United Kingdom - were withdrawn in the US by the Food and Drugs Administration yesterday after reports of heart problems in some patients. The drugs, dexfenfluramine (sold in the UK as Adifax) and fenfluramine (Ponderax), are used by millions of patients who the FDA now advise to stop taking them and contact their doctors. Fenfluramine is half of the popular diet drug combination called fen-phen. The other half, phentermine, is not affected by the withdrawal but patients can no longer use the combination for which 18 million prescriptions were writtten in the US in 1996.

The FDA asked manufacturers to withdraw the drugs after reviewing the records of 291 patients, of whom 30 per cent were found to have abnormal echocardiagrams indicating heart defects. The Health Department in Britain said yesterday that the use

of diet pills was being kept under review. – – Jeremy Laurance, Medical Correspondent

£250,000 fine for rail inquiries

Train companies will be fined more than £250,000 by the rail regulator after failing to answer nearly 750,000 calls in four weeks from passengers using the telephone inquiry service.

John Swift QC, the rail regulator, instigated the investigation into the service after months of "awful" service. In the four-week period Mr Swift scrutinised the performance, more than 15 calls in every 100 went unanswered. In the worst seven days, beginning on 17 August, only 75 per cent of calls were answered, despite 30 extra operators being hired by the Association of Train Companies (Atoc), which administers the National Train Enquiry Service. More than 4.5 million people tried to get through to operators during the regulator's "enforcement" month. Less than 3.8 million had their calls answered. Under the regulator's strict target, the system should have handled more than 4 million calls. - Randeep Ramesh, Transport Correspondent

South West recoups fine, page 10



Leicester City FC fans celebrating

Football boss accused of exploitation

A vice-chairman of Leicester City Football Club was at the centre of a financial row yesterday as his team prepared to play in Europe for the first time in a generation.

Steve Boggan examines the links between the vice-chairman and a travel company taking thousands of fans to the game.

Hundreds of Leicester City football fans have boycotted their team's official travel arrangements for tonight's game against Atletico Madrid amid claims that they are being exploited by the club.

Unrest among fans began to grow when Leicester City announced that it would cost £279 to fly to the match, see the game and return home immediately afterwards. Most supporters wanted to spend the night but were told they couldn't - so when they heard that a rival company was offering the same deal with a stay in a fourstar hotel for £259 they were furious.

However, the real - and possibly lasting - damage was caused when it emerged that the club's vice-chairman, John Elsom, was also chairman and managing director of Page & Mov. the company that won the contract to act as the club's official tour operator.

Leicester City and Page & Moy insisted yesterday that no one was making a profit out of the deal, but many fans remained unconvinced. The rival travel company, David Dryer Sports Tours, has now attracted 520 fans for its £259 package and says it expects to make a healthy profit.

"Much as we love Leicester City fans, we wouldn't take them there for nothing," said Greg Dryer, the owner's son. "But we can get them there, get them a ticket, arrange their transfers and put them up in a four-star hotel for £259 and still make a profit. Frankly, we can't work out why it is so expensive to go with the club."

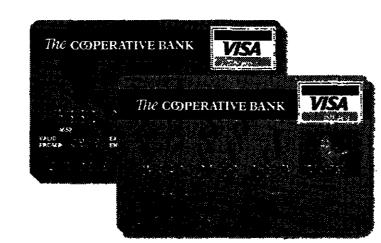
Mr Elsom was not available yesterday, but the club's chairman, Tom Smeaton, said a "small service charge" was made to cover administration: "Our normal practice is to get competitive tenders for everything and that was carried out in this case. The

club has acted properly." David Short, marketing director of Leicester-based Page & Moy, also said no profit was being made. "We are charging a fixed handling fee, but that is all," he said. He pointed out that his company went from the local airport, East Midlands, while David Dryer's flew from Stansted.

Fans had been told by the club that match tickets would not be available from Atletico Madrid, but Glenn Stewart, 41, one fan who made his own arrangements - and saved £80 - found that this was not true. Atletico Madrid quoted a match ticket price of about £23. Mr Stewart's flight cost £168, making a total of £191.

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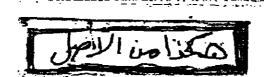
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Hague fights back against the Tory snipers

William Hague, the Tory leader, last night fought back against sniping from Conservative critics of his leadership, who suggested he lacked experience. Fresh from the Labour landslide, the party is desperate to avoid further disunity. Anthony Bevins and Christian Wolmar report on another day of Tory turmoil.

Mr Hague showed signs of panic last night in response to a sudden deluge of criticism, when he opened up a planned private meeting of Tory activists to the media bordes who have suddenly scented blood.

Sunday, in which his broadside on Labour's handling of the funeral of Diana, Princess of Wales backfired, and Hugh Dykes, a former Tory MP, defected to the Liberal

Speaking to 400 Tory voluntary work-

Hague made no attempt to retract his re- Gordon Brown's very first Budget." marks. He said that while the Tories would "not oppose just for the sake of opposing" the party would not "shy away from speaking our minds" even if "there are times when blunt speaking offends some people".

But he had clearly been stung by criticisms from both within and without the party over his remarks about the funeral. In particular, he seemed to respond to Lord Tebbit's suggestion that he should deal with practical political issues rather than royal

Lord Tebbit intimated that Mr Hague's attack on the Government over Diana's funeral should be put down to inexperience. He said: "One would expect that any leaders would gain discretion with experiwe suddenly scented blood. ence and perhaps, if I had been the leader He went on the attack after an awful of the party at this time, I would have been going on other issues."

In response, in his evening speech Mr Hague listed a series of betrayals by the Labour government. "Labour asked the British people to trust them with the economy ... What have we got instead? Four ers from London and the South East, Mr mortgage rate hikes ... and 17 tax rises in would get into difficulties," he said.

Mr Hagne's statement over Diana had earlier prompted outrage from senior Labour figures. Ron Davies, the Secretary of State for Wales, said Mr Hague's behaviour was "disgraceful" and "despicable". A Downing Street spokesman said it was "totally untrue" to say that the Government briefed in any way on any conversations between the Prime Minister and the Queen.

However. Mr Hague did receive some support. Stephen Dorrell, former Secretary of State for Health, said: "What he said yesterday expressed a sense of unease felt by many people about the way that, not the PM himself - I don't accuse him of this but some of the people around him, have sought to look for party advantage after the

events following her death."

The former chancellor, Kenneth Clarke. also defended him despite Mr Dykes's statement that he had left the party because Mr Clarke lost the leadership election to Mr Hague. "We're only a few months into the Parliament and it was bound to be the case that, whoever was leading the opposition,



Media star: The MacBunny from Live TV trying to steal the limelight from William Hague, the Tory leader, on a Photograph: Brian Harris recent anti-devolution campaign visit to Scotland

I'm just William, and jolly fed up too

William slouched discouso- asked Duncan. "A very rightlately along the lane, his wing one, wot b'lieves in hands in his pockets. Even his faithful Welsh collie, Jenkins, ed Howard. "Woman I know sensing her master's distress, had stopped bringing him sticks to throw; she trotted discreetly at his heels, head

been a wonderful summer for William. The weather had been glorious, Mr and Mrs liberation of genius unbur-Hague had relaxed most of dening itself. "Fresh, Clear their term-time restrictions. an' Open!" he pronounced allowing him to stay out late triumphantly. "That's wot in the long evenings, and - people want. They want. best of all - the Outlaws had now accepted him as their undisputed leader. What so I 'spect they'll want more could a boy have wanted? An endless vista of fights, games and adventures had beckoned with him, William, always taking on the most heroic and exciting roles.

BY DAVID

But it had all gone horri-

AARONOVITCH

when he and the Outlaws had been ousted from the Old an' everyone says I look Barn by their worst enemies, ridic'lous, an' he looks prime the Tony Blairites; a group of ministerial. Meet the people, smart, unctuous, swottish you tol' me. So I met 'em an' boys from the other side of met 'em. I met white ones in the village who had taken unfair advantage of a particu- ones in Notting Hill, an' I met larly strenuous wrestling 'em in Scotland, an' I met 'em match between the Outlaws in Wales. I kep' on meetin' themselves, to rush in and 'em till my hand hurt. An they take over the barn. Since then their exile had weighed Oppose of Blair you said, so heavily upon the Outlaws.

"I know!" William had said one sunny afternoon, as he and his companions had you're fed up." glomly watched the Blairites gambolling in the meadow. Let's have a polit'cal party. We'll campaign, an' oppose an' things. An' then we'll challenge them to an election, see if you can do any better!"

and jolly well win!" Immediately all their spirits lifted. "But what sort of "I might just take you up on political party should we be?" that, William."

prisons and canes!" suggesttried that once," objected Cecil, "now no one's inter-

ested in it." Thinking, William ran his hand through his tousled By rights, it should have hair, only to discover that he hadn't got any. When at last he spoke it was with the detoothpaste an' deodorant like it, an TV presenters like it, polit cal parties like it too."

"Well I've read about politics," said Duncan, "an' they're all goin' on walkabouts, an' meeting' the people, an' opposin', so that's what we've gotter do. We've gotter have a strat'gy." So they had agreed a strat'gy.

And it had gone badly wrong. Only a week later, the Outlaws were giving themselves up to recrimination. "Look modern, you tol' me," said William, bitterly. "So I bly wrong. The rot had set in put on that baseball cap - an' ol' Blair wears a suit an' tie, theme parks, an' I met black said I was a silly smile on legs. I jolly well opposed him. over the Queen an' everything, and now you all say

Duncan, Howard and Cecil nodded glumly. "Well I'm jolly well fed up too!" said William. "An I'd just like to see any of you try leadin' an' There was a brief silence. "Mmmm," replied Howard.

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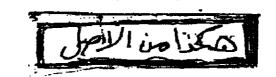
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Booker list continues an Indian love affair

The shortlist for the Booker Prize, fiction's premier award, was announced yesterday. Bigname novelists such as lan McEwan and

leanette Winterson have failed to make the last six, but, as David Lister reports, for debut novelist Arundhati Roy, it is a dream come true.

The love affair between Britain and the narrative sweep of novels from the Indian sub-continent continues with the inclusion of first-time novelist Arundhati Roy on the Booker

Prize shortlist. But Ms Roy's book, a sharp and witty story of a family tragedy resulting from caste conflicts, has a different tone from novelists such as Sahman said: "You must want to read on, Rushdie and Vikram Seth, and its journey on to the shortlist is a challenge and a distinctive the stuff of a novel itself.

prize announced yesterday has engages you and evokes some surprising omissions of big names, including Ian McEwan, Jeanette Winterson and Carole Shields. It contains Grace Notes by Bernard MacLaverty, Quarantine by Jim Crace, The Underground by Mick Jackson, Europa by Tim Parks, The Essence Of Things by Madelaine St John and The God Of Small

Things by Arundhati Roy.

fame when she gave a copy of her manuscript to the agent Pankaj Mishra, then a Harper-Collins editor in India. He was so excited that he rang ber in the middle of the night.

He then sent a copy to literary agent David Godwin in London and Mr Godwin turned up on Ms Roy's doorstep in India, asking to be her agent. Flamingo, an imprint of HarperCollins, won the auction with an advance of £150,000.

Bookmakers William Hill said last night: "It looks a wide open list and the omission of Ian McEwan is the most interesting one since Martin Amis."

Chairwoman of the judges Professor Gillian Beer, said the panel had read 106 books. "We don't read every word of every book," she said, " but there are only a few where I've been skipping pages."

Discussing the secret of a successful Booker title, she You must have some sense of voice should come through. The shortlist for the £20,000 There must be something that form of human life ... Whatever it is, it should be intensely

> Last year's winner was Graham Swift with Last Orders, narrowly and surprisingly beating Margaret Atwood's engaging and intensely there novel, Alias

William Hill's Booker odds: 2/1 Bernard MacLaverty "Grace" A former achitectural stu- Notes"; 3/1 Jim Cruce "Quardent and screen writer, Ms Roy antine"; 7/2 Arundhati Roy "The was the child of a mixed mar- God of Small Things"; 9/2 Maderiage and the victim of caste laine St John "The Essence of the prejudice. She spent years liv- Thing", 5/1 Tim Parks "Euing among lepers and social out- ropa"; 6/1 Mick Jackson "The casts before achieving sudden Underground Man"



Glittering debut: Arundhati Roy's first novel draws on difficult events and experiences from her own life in southern India

Photograph: Karen Kapoor/Camera Press

THE BOOKER PRIZE SHORTLIST - WHAT THE CRITICS SAID

Grace Notes, by Bernard MacLaverty (Cape)

A young Northern Irish composer's revolt against her family, with hints at

the province's traumatic history. In The Independent. Patricia Craig praised "a very subtie novel which gains its riches from sources far removed from plentiful activity".

Quarantine, by fim Crace (Viking)

in the Judean wilderness, 2,000 years ago, the young Jesus fasts and watches as, around him, a band of rogues and peasants work through their conflicts. Michael Arditti marvelled at "powers of description as awesome as the landscape he evokes".

Europa, by Tim Parks (Secker & Warburg)

An English language teacher in Italy, who has achieved nothing in love or work, reflects on the spiritual ruins of his life. Nicholas Wroe enjoyed "a thoughtfully realised book that pushes its humour into ever deeper shades

The Underground Man, by Mick Jackson (Picador)

Based on the true story of a 19th-century Duke of Portland, Jackson's first novel explores the weird inner world of an eccentric aristocrat. Francis Spufford called it "a romance of containers" set in "a malleable region of fantastic events".

The God of Small Things, by Arundhati Roy (Flamingo)

Lyrical, tragi-comic novel unfolds against the lush South Indian landscape, where twins come to terms with their mother's doomed cross-cultural love match. Maya jaggi acclaimed "a remarkably assured debut ... both moving and compelling".

The Essence of the Thing. by Madeleine St John (Fourth

Dark horse of the shortlist. An ostensibly happy Notting Hill ménage suddenly falls apart. With a sardonic eye and fierce humour, St John traces a woman's struggle

to rebuild her life. — Boyd Tonkin, Literary Editor

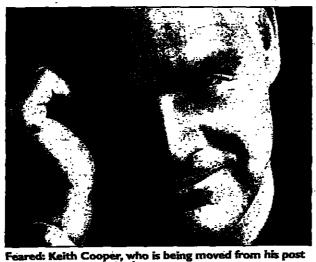
Covent Garden's 'Mr Darcy' is told to leave the stage

Keith Cooper, the Royal Opera House chief whose abrasive manner made him one of the most feared people in the arts, is being moved. David Lister reveals the first move to propel the ROH into the new Labour world of "the people's opera"

For a brief period, his face was better known than some of the star singers and dancers he promoted. But Keith Cooper. head of corporate affairs, and the surprise star of the BBC series The House has been told by new ROH chief executive, Mary Allen, that he will no longer be the public face and voice of Covent Garden.

Instead, Cooper will be concentrating on marketing strategies and increasing access to the cuse an employee of lack of in-ROH in the wake of demands by Chris Smith, the Secretary of house shop. And each time in State for Culture, Media and Sport, for it to become "the people's opera".

Cooper's old role of heading the opera house's press relations and being its public spokesman will be advertised next week.



Photograph: Laurie Lewis at the ROH

In the BBC series The House. Cooper came across as the JR of Covent Garden. Awestruck viewers, some of whom wrote him fan mail afbox office manager, publicly ac-Management Weekly reported ing classes. Cooper had replaced the surly Mr Darcy of Pride and Prejudice as the man they most wanted to reform.

But now the romantic hero is to be removed from the spotlight and given a behind-the-

scenes role. His new post will involve the terwards, watched him sack a crucial task of thinking up ideas to increase access - relaying performances to multiplexes and telligence and close the opera holding low-price matinees are two ventures he is keen on. And a different designer suit. Arts Chris Smith has warned that he will cut the grant to the opera that, for women of the chatter- house if access to it is not in-

> that Mary Allen wants a change of image for the institution, fol

lowing a series of high-profile public relations disasters.

These involved not only longrunning concern over high ticket prices, but Mrs Allen's own appointment by her former colleague, and now the opera house chairman, Lord Chadlington. without the post being advertised; the shock resignation of her predecessor, Genista McIntosh; the use of lottery money to fund redundancies; the failure to find a suitable temporary home during the two-year closure of Covent Garden, and scathing public criticism by a House of Commons select committee.

The Royal Opera House faces two public tests over the coming weeks. Next week, the Royal Ballet opens its new season at the Labatt's Apollo in Hammersmith. Ticket sales have been poor amid fears that the venue lacks sufficient glamour. The company has also been hit by an injury to balle-

rina Darcey Bussell. After that, Mary Allen has to appear before the Culture. Media and Sport Select Committee along with fund-raiser Vivien Duffield.

MPs are certain to question them about the opera house's But it is equally apparent image and its alleged failure to attract an audience from all so-

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Galleries given time to raise £9m to save Van Gogh

British art galleries and collectors were yesprevent a watercolour by Vincent Van on an export licence for the work. Gogh, Harvest in Provence, from being exported and disappearing into a private collection in the United States.

The watercolour was described as the most important work on paper by Van Gogh, still in private hands, when it was sold by Sotheby's in London last June. The £8.8m paid by an anonymous bidder on the telephone set an auction price record for a work on paper by the Dutch artist.

it appeared the watercolour, depicting a scene outside Arles in Provence, was about to go abroad after 70 years in an Eng-

terday given two months to raise £9m and arts minister, yesterday deferred a decision

gallery. Mr Fisher and the experts of the approach." It is the original version of the Reviewing Committee on the Export of Works of Art, might have taken a different view, as at least the painting would go on public view. A decision on the export licence will be deferred until after 12 November, and if serious interest emerges, it

David Barrie, director of the National

lish private collection. But Mark Fisher, the ity, said the deferral offered an opportunity to ensure that a major work did not disappear from public view. "This is un-Though Sotheby's has not disclosed the doubtedly one of the finest watercolours identity of the buyer, it is rumoured to be by Van Gogh and adds substantially to our an American collector. Had it been a appreciation of Van Gogh's technique and famous oil, known as La Charrette Bleue.

The watercolour was formerly owned by the distinguished London collector, Mrs JBA Kessler, who purchased it in 1924. The most likely British purchaser would be the Tate Gallery in London, which already has could be put back again to 12 March 1998. four Van Goghs, given by Mrs Kessler's uncle, Frank Stoop.

Unionists set for place at peace table

Unionist parties stayed away from the opening of all-party peace talks in

But, as David McKittrick, Ireland Correspondent, reports, it is only a matter of time before they join in.

process notched up another little increment of history yesterday as multi-party talks opened at Stormont with Sinn Fein at

It was not, however, the in-

clusive occasion which the British and Irish governments had hoped for, since a Protestant boycott of the proceedings turned Stormont into a Unionist-free zone for the day.

But both governments have high hopes that David Trimble's Ulster Unionists and other loyalists will make their entry soon, possibly as early as today, thus bringing mainstream Unionists and the republican move-The Northern Ireland peace ment into the same process for the first time ever.

Former US senator George Mitchell called a plenary session of the talks to order at 2pm yesterday, with Sinn Fein and four



large conference table. The chairs set aside for five Unionist

parties were empty. At that moment Mr Trimble other parties arrayed around the Belfast city centre café, affect- face of mounting pressure to go meet Mr Mitchell later in a

vision camera-crews capturing his every movement. The exercisc seemed to be a studied

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ing not to notice the five tele- to the talks, and a determinatable prematurely.

Instead of attending at Storwas eating soup and a roll in a show of nonchalance in the mont he made arrangements to

tion not to be dragooned to the to Stormont, for discussions on what he described as "the

precise procedural arrangements for our involvement". The two governments have

nearby hotel, rather than going floated the idea of a procedural motion which would allow the talks to make a start on substantive issues even in the absence of the Unionists. But, since a statement from Mr Trimble said that if his party's concerns are met "we intend to

> regarded as a possibility. There is speculation that the use of the phrase "Castle" boys playing war and I am an-Grounds" rather than "Castle gry about it. We have one more Buildings", where the talks are being held, could mean the Unionist party might decide to go to Stormout while refusing

to enter the same building as the

republican delegation.

soon as possible", his appear-

ance as early as this morning is

Mr Trimble's conspicuous refusal to be rushed meant party president Gerry Adams and his talks team.

He said: "We do think this could be the beginning of the end of conflict on this island." Of the Unionists he said: "If they are not here today they will be here tomorrow, or the day after or the day after - and the sooner the better for everyone."

This was just one item on a path to the table. The chief el- ordinary people and although ement was a joint statement from
Prime Minister Tony Blair and want these talks to succeed."

Republicans parade the Irish Tricolour yesterday as the multi-party talks opened in Belfast with Sinn Fein at the table Photograph: David Rose

the Taoiseach, Bertie Ahern. This both emphasised the principle of consent and affirmed that the two governments saw the resolution of the arms decommissioning issue as an indispensable part of the process of negotiation.

Although the Unionist party would have much preferred the word "mandatory" to "indispensable", it regarded the statement as representing a useful advance on the govern-

ments' positions. Later, Paul Murphy, minister for political development, went to Unionist party headquarters for talks with Mr Trimble and others.

From parties within the talks came criticism of the Unionists, be present at Castle Grounds as the Social Democratic and Labour Party speaking dismissively of "contrived drama". Monica McWilliams of the Women's Coalition said: "It is year to put this thing right and the time is now and today."

Mark Durkan of the SDLP said: "We don't want to make things difficult for David Trimble. If there are things needed to give him and the Ulster Unionists a few more cushions that, for once, at least some of to make them comfortable sitthe media focus was distracted ting with Sinn Fein, okay. If away from Sinn Fein, though at however they're looking to Stormont itself the main event change the furniture and the arof the day was the arrival of chitecture of the place then that's a different matter."

A poignant note was struck by the appearance outside the talks of Rita Restorick, the mother of the last British soldier to be killed by the IRA. Holding a photograph of her 23year-old son, Stephen, she said: "I want all the parties to take part and try and find a resolution, but both sides will have to hectic political schedule aimed make compromises. I felt I had primarily at easing the Unionists' to come for the benefit of the

Thirteen parties are involved

most of all on Sinn Fein, there are in fact 13 distinct elements

On the Unionist side, David Trimble's party is complemented by the Rev Ian Paisley's Democratic Unionists and Robert McCartney's UK many of the participants regard Unionists, both of whom are currently boycotting the talks. which has proved crucial in There are also the two parties with paramilitary associations, the Progressive Unionists and Ulster Democratic Party.

The SDLP is the largest narty on the nationalist side, followed by Sinn Fein. But another new settlement which would strong nationalist element is the remove violence from the Irish government which cosponsors the talks with Britain, scribed as three-stranded. One and which traditionally works in section of the talks deals with

There is also a range of other parties, the largest of which another will address the overis the middle-of-the-road Al- arching relations between liance party, along with a Dublin and London. The othwomen's grouping and a er strand, regarded as the most Labour section. The British problematic, is that of Northgovernment itself obviously plays a major part in proceed-

Although most media attention ings, but so too does an intends to focus on the Ulster ternational team of chairmen Unionist Party and perhaps headed by former US senator George Mitchell.

The team also includes a Cainvolved in the Stormont talks. nadian general, John de Chasteleine, and a former prime minister of Finland, Hari Holkeiri. While the chairmen generally try to be unobtrusive. them as a creative element

helping keeping the talks alive. All of those involved are charged with, in effect, working out an entirely new political dispensation for Northern Ireland, attempting to map out a scene. The approach is deco-operation with the SDLP. arrangements for government within Northern Ireland while South relations.

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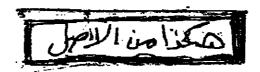
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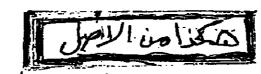
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Scotland Yard detectives **'lack proper training'**

Scotland Yard's ability to investigate crimes is in serious decline due to shortfalls in training, according to an internal police TOLICH.

The report, which was ordered by a commander at the Metrepolitan Police, follows complaints that uniformed officers were joining the plain-clothed CID ranks without proper training.

In some cases high workloads have resulted in junior officers with little experience having to investigate serious crimes. For example, allegations of rape are frequently investigated by uniformed police constables attached to CID divisions or by detective constables - the lowest-ranking plain-clothed officer, says the

It concludes: "The current ability of the Metropolitan Police Service to investigate crime is in serious decline, with future investigating officers likely to be lacking in both knowledge and in estigative skills ... The CID is losing its credibility with uniformed duty officers, who also state that they have little confidence in newly appointed detective constables."

The report was commissioned for the Metropolitan Police's crime, operations and policy group after the Scotland Yard branch of the Police Federation, which represents rank-and-file memivers, raised concerns about the lack of training for detectives. They were particularly critical that a 10-week course at Hendon pohee college for new CID officers had been axed.

The Metropolitan Police Federation argued that the lack of training has resulted in officers becoming investigating detectives without proper knowledge of the law and practical experience.

Scotland Yard yesterday said the "Training Needs" analysis report only looked at a small section of the police's detective work. It added that newly appointed CID detectives were "far from inexperienced" and had an average of 11 years' policing experience.

Strike threatens Ford plants

The threat of industrial action by lorry drivers which would cripple Ford plants throughout Britain and the Continent within days moved a step nearer after their union gave them the go-ahead to conduct a strike ballot.

More than 300 members of the company's truck fleet at Dagenham are angry over the company's refusal to recognise the United Road Transport Union. The drivers switched to URTU after their original union, the Transport and General, alleged that an "in-house" selection system for jobs with the truck fleet was racist. The T&G insisted on new "independent" procedures, but URTU argues that the ethnic make-up of the driver workforce is similar to the transport industry as a whole.e.

Tesco relents in egg campaign

Animal welfare campaigners were yesterday celebrating after the supermarket chain Tesco agreed to make clear which of its eggs come from battery chickens.

Compassion in World Farming said the store had agreed to change the labels on its egg boxes to include the term "Eggs from Caged Hens".

Tesco's decision follows a nationwide campaign in which CTWF challenged the company to "Tell us the whole truth about battery eggs". An NOP poll found battery eggs labelled "Fresh Eggs" or "Farm Fresh Eggs" were mistakenly thought to be from hens yept free-range by 34 per cent and 37 per cent of the public.

This is a great day for both animal welfare and consumer choice," said Philip Lymbery, CIWF campaigns director. "It is new up to all remaining retailers ... to follow suit."



Team spirit: Tony Banks (left) and Peter Hain at the Arms Park yesterday with Cardiff captain Jonathan Humphreys. Ministers are hoping for a resounding 'yes' in Thursday's vote

Stunts set the tone as campaign for Wales nears climax

Wales woke up yesterday to the final 100 hours before deciding whether it will vote "yes" for devolution. But, as the Principality faces its first big constitutional question since 1536, the campaign is dominated by stunts and jibes, not real argument.

Tony Heath observes ministers on the stump.

Tony Banks, the sports minister, stepped off the train in Cardiff yesterday to meet Welsh Office minister Peter Hain, accompanied by a giant £90 cheque made payable to John Redwood, the former Tory Secretary of State for Wales.

It was not an altruistic contribution to a party looking somewhat ragged in opposition, Mr Hain said. "Mr Redwood has repeatedly stressed his opposition to an elected Welsh assembly. So he should come here to explain. We're offering to pay the fare from his Wokingham constituency to encourage him."

However, Mr Redwood was not tempted, leaving Great Western Trains - one of the beneficiaries of rail privatisation - £90 the poorer.

Mr Redwood told BBC Radio Wales: "Devolution is madness. It will crush local government and take money and power away from the Welsh people."

It was precisely to protect Wales against future Redwoods -should the Tories ever return to power - that

an elected assembly was needed, Mr Hain countered. "During his time as Welsh Secretary Mr Redwood handed back to the Treasury £112m from the Welsh budget."

Mr Hain and Mr Banks, who in the interests of devolution temporarily put on one side his love for football and Chelsea FC and went to Cardiff RFC's ground for a spot of light training with exponents of the oval ball game.

The Labour Party will this week distribute 500,000 scratch cards to help persuade the 30 per cent or so undecideds" to support devolution on Thursday.

The cards printed in English and Welsh ask: "Do you want better job opportunities for school leavers?" ("Am weld disgyblion yn cael gwell cyfle i gael gwaith?). Scratch the "yes" (ie) panel and the answer "vote yes on 18 September" (fotiwch ie ar 18 Medi) appears. Scratch the "no" (na) panel and the words "no future for our kids" (dim dyfodol i'n plant) are revealed.

With the last major change in Wales's constitution in mind - the 1536 Act of Union - the Liberal Democrat leader, Paddy Ashdown, also on the campaign trail in the Welsh capital, declared: "Wales will decide and decide decisively for a Welsh assembly.

Four of Wales's 34 Labour MPs are already pledged to vote "no" on Thursday - Llew Smith (Blaenau Gwent), Sir Ray Powell (Ogmore), Allan Rogers (Rhondda) and Alan Williams (Swansea West). They were joined yesterday by Sir Ted Rowlands, MP for Merthyr Tydfil and Rhymney, who accused the Government of producing a seriously flawed White Paper.

Teachers tell ministers to let them do their job in peace

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Headteachers warned yesterday that ministers would frighten off recruits to teaching unless they stopped telling teachers how to do their job. They fear that the centralisation supported by the Conservatives will be taken up by the Government to tighten even further ministers' control over schools.

The heads' warning came as the Government announced that it intended to retrain all primary school teachers to teach reading according to approved methods. Bruce Douglas, the president of the Secondary Heads Association and head of Branston school and community college in Lincolnshire, said that the Goverument should reverse "a decade of over simplistic political prescription and de-professionalising". He said: "The real reason that teacher supply is at risk is that we have moved away from the idea that teaching is a big 'can do' job where you can exert professional judgement and are allowed to do that. Talented people want to exercise their talents so they don't want to move into areas where they feel that their talents are being constrained by a hostile public and a hostile government." Applications for teacher training have been falling sharply, especially in subjects such as

maths and science. Mr Douglas argued that schools could construct timetables that would motivate the less able if they were given a bigger say in the curriculum. The national curriculum was unnecessary, he said, because all schools had been teaching English, maths and science anyway. He added that the time might have come for teachers to say no to the Government. "If it does lead to a conflict we should be prepared to to stand our ground. Otherwise we shall end up with a much smaller, meaner school system."

Plan to cut medicine wastage

The Government yesterday announced a £250,000 investment to help reduce the millions of pounds wasted on unused medicines. Up to half of all patients suffering from chronic diseases do not take their medication properly, according to a study earlier this year by the Royal Pharmaceutical Society. Frank Dobson, the Secretary of State for Health, speaking at the society's annual conference in Scarborough yesterday, said the money would be used for a research and development programme to get people to take their medicines "at the right time and in the right quantities".

The study, "Compliance to Concordance", showed that patients who did not take all their medicine the first time often had to go back for further treatment. One in five kidney patients were not taking their anti-rejection medicines, which could result in death. And while one in five adults have high blood pressure, which if untreated can lead to early death, many were reluctant to take medication because of negative side-effects.

PC cleared of death charge

A police officer was yesterday cleared by a jury of causing the death of a teenager who died when his unmarked car crashed

The jury at Leeds Crown Court found PC Adrian Ward not guilty of causing death by dangerous driving but it convicted the 31-year-old officer of the lesser charge of careless driving. He was fined £500 and his licence was endorsed with five penalty points.

PC Ward had been driving home Shelly Simmonite, a 15-yearold suspected shoplifter, when his red Astra ploughed head-on into the van in Maltby, South Yorkshire, killing Shelly and injuring her friend Emma Cubbin, also 15.

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Fined rail firm recoups its losses

Since privatisation, South West Trains has provided an unreliable service. Commuters have been delayed, and hundreds of trains have been cancelled. Despite this, the company has only been fined £100,000, writes Randeep Ramesh

Large performance bonuses have helped Britain's first privatised train company recoup losses on fines it had to pay when it cut services because of a driver shortage.

Official figures released vesterday showed that South West Trains, part of the £1,6bn Stagecoach empire, was paid bonuses of more than £1.7m which almost covered the £1.82m worth of fines.

The size of the payout is bound to anger passenger groups and rail campaigners. At the height of the disruption in March, more than 100,000



commuters faced nightmare journeys home from London after trains were reduced in

The service had become so bad that even Conservative ministers resorted to describing

the company, which runs trains from London to Hampshire spurred the franchising director. John O'Brien, to consider

revoking its licence. But under the privatised trains.

railways' incentive scheme, train companies can often better the low performance standards set and collect payouts from the taxpayer. Until this spring, SWT had easily met the targets and been paid handsome

The pressure group Save Our Railways said the figures showed how rail privatisation was "a rip-off". SOR said the £101,000 amounted to just a tiny slice of the train company's annual subsidy of more than £63m. "It's a graphic illustration of how rail privatisation is not much more than a mechanism for recycling public subsidy as private profit," said Jonathan Bray, SOR campaigns director.

The private rail network has already created problems for politicians. West Yorkshire Passenger Transport Authority, which is run by local councillors, and Surrey, as "inept". This is threatening to withhold bonus payments of £556,000 to Regional Railways North East after the company cancelled 800

DAILY POEM

Out in the Dark

Out in the dark over the snow The fallow fawns invisible go With the fallow doe; And the winds blow Fast as the stars are slow.

Stealthily the dark haurus round And, when the lamp goes, without sound As a swifter hound Than the swiftest hound, Arrives, and all else is drowned;

And star and I and wind and deer Are in the dark together, - near, Yet far, - and fear. Drums on my ear In that sage company drear.

How weak and little is the light, All the universe of sight, Love and delight. Before the might, If you love it not, of night.

This week's poems come from the new Faber Book of Beasts, edited by Paul Muldoon (Faber & Faber, £14.99).



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Pakistan asks for Benazir asset freeze

At the request of the Pakistan government, Switzerland has frozen bank accounts held in the country by Benazir Bhutto and her family. As Rupert Conwell reports, the events are the latest development in a yearlong corruption investigation of the former prime minister, which is bound to increase aiready deep political tensions in Pakistan.

Islamabad, the Pakistani authorities are trying to block acthe Bhuttos in no less than nine \$50m (£31m) and \$80m in police in September 1996. Switzerland alone.

In Berne, the Swiss Federal Office of Police Affairs de- the Bhuttos to Pakistan's govscribed the measure as "provisional and preventative," taken sioner and to the courts, who at the request of another goverument. But in Islamabad an Rehman said, he would give the exultant Seifur Rehman, a se- commissioner a further 30 ponior official in charge of the cor- lice reports linking Ms Bhutto ruption probe, hailed the Swiss and her husband to corruption action as "a milestone" in efforts cases during her time in power to build a watertight case between 1994 and 1996. against the Bhuttos.

counts, believed to be held in accounts contained. But they four Geneva banks including the have told Pakistan it must make local subsidiary of Barclays, a formal request for legal as-Barclays Bank (Suisse) SA, be- sistance and provide more doclonged to Ms Bhutto, her hus- umentary support for the band Asif Ali Zardari, her accusations within three mother Begum Nusrat Bhutto, months. At that point the Swiss and her father-in-law Hakim Ali authorities will decide whether Zardari. "The royal couple to take the matter further. made billions overnight by underhand deals," Mr Rehman an- well as her husband dims hopes grily charged at a press of a political comeback by Beconference. At the same time he nazir, after the PPP's disastrous produced bank statements and showing in the last election in other documents purporting to which it won just 17 of 217 seats show that the accounts con- in parliament. According to astained kickbacks paid for com- sociates she had recently made mercial concessions handed out up her mind to abandon herby the family before Ms Bhut- husband - not only because of to was sacked as ter in November 1996.

accusing the family of setting up political ambitions. a web of offshore companies to accounts. But Ms Bhutto's Paklie," and part of a "blitz of char- mond Burrus Privee.

acter assassination" against her and Mr Zardari.

Swiss spokesman said the request had come in a fax on 8 September from Islamabad, and that relevant accounts and safe deposit boxes had been blocked the same day. In London a Foreign Office spokesman refused to say whether the British government had received a similar request.

The anti-corruption probe against the Bhuttos was intensified when her longstanding political foe Nawaz Sharif became prime minister in February. Three months earlier Ms Bhut-According to senior officials in to was sacked amid charges of corruption and misrule and her husband was thrown into jail, counts they claim were held by charged with involvement in the death of her brother Murtaza. countries, including Britain and who had broken with Benazir, France, and totalling between and was killed in a shootout with

The next step will be submission of the evidence against ernment watchdog commiswill decide on any arrests. Mr

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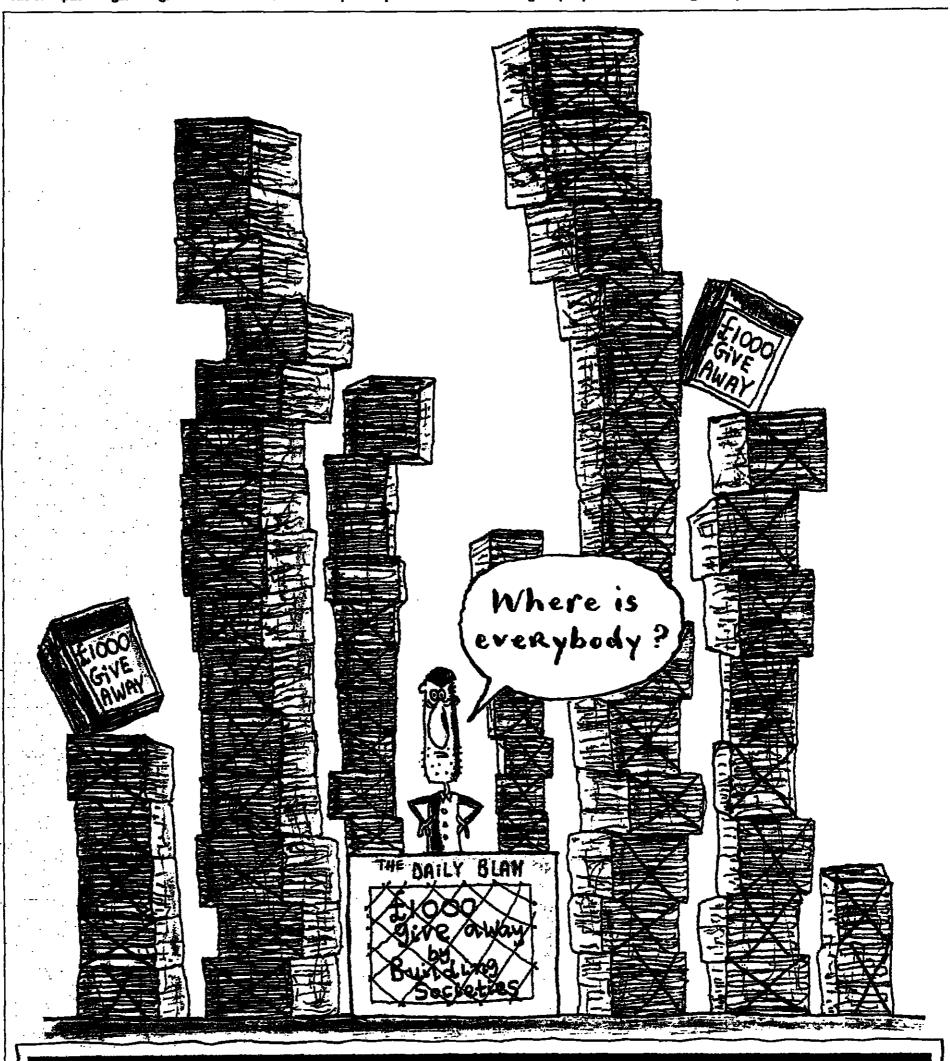
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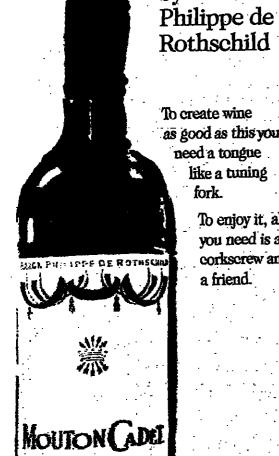
Apart from Barclays, the channel money into the foreign other three banks named by Mr Rehman were the Union Bank istan People's Party (PPP) of Switzerland, Citibank branded the allegations a sheer Switzerland and Cantrade Or-

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The corruption allegations against Ms Bhutto have dimmed hopes of a political comeback following her party's disastrous showing in this year's elections





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Senator loses his battle with redneck lesse Helms

The best summer drama on offer in Washington, an internecine Republican clash pitting brains against beast, concluded yesterday with victory for Jesse Helms, the senator from North Carolina, over William Weld, a Harvard-cducated classics scholar and former governor of Massachusetts.

Mr Weld quit his post as Governor after President Clinton nominated him for the job of ambassador to Mexico. But yesterday, Senator Helms, the hard-right chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, refused to grant Mr Weld a confirmation hearing. Mr Weld, who vowed four weeks ago to wage "a land war, if need be" against Senator Helms, threw in the towel.

Mr Helms' stated reason for opposing Mr Weld's appointment was that the former govemor, who supports the medical use of marijuana, could not be counted upon to conduct the war against drugs with vigour. The real reason, observers say, is that Mr Weld has made no secret of his belief that Senator Helms is an ignorant reducek, woefully unsuited to one of the most powerful foreign policy positions in Washington.

Plea to reopen the verdict on Tiananmen protest

The top Chinese politician purged after Tiananmen Square demonstrations has savaged the official verdict which branded the student-led protests as a "counterrevolutionary rebellion". A forlorn appeal from a forgotten man, or a glimmer of political change in China? Teresa Poole studies the latest twist in what is still the most sensitive political issue in China.

Zhao Ziyang, now a white-haired 78-year-old, made his last appearance on 19 May 1989 when he tearfully visited the students in Tiananmen Square and tried to persuade them to go home. Since then he has been living under virtual house arrest. In February this year he was refused permission to attend the funeral of his former mentor. China's late patriarch Deng Xiaoping.

Mr Zhao remains a popular figure in most ordinary Pekingers' consciousness, a man who represents an era of relative political openness in the mid-1980s, when the possibility of change reaching beyond the economic sphere was briefly alive. In 1989, he was the ultimate victim of a vicious internal power struggle in the Chinese Communist Party between fellow liberals and hardliners who wanted to roll back the Deng reforms. His was the scalp that Mr Deng provided in order to safeguard the programme to modernise the economy.

The two-and-a-half page typed letter which yesterday found its way to the Reuters news agency was dated 12 September 1997 and ended with Mr Zhao's typed name, but there was no handwritten signature. If authentic, it represents the first direct political move by Mr Zhao in eight years, and a most blunt demand for the verdict to be rewritten.

"No matter how radical, wrong and blameworthy



the students' movement was, to call it a 'counterrevolutionary rebellion' was groundless. And if it was not a counter-revolutionary rebellion, it should not have been solved by means of military suppression," the letter reads. Unknown hundreds of people are believed to have died when troops were sent in to clear the demonstration.

Mr Zhao said the bloodshed could have been avoided. "It was well-known that the request of the majority of the students then was to punish corruption and accelerate political reform, not to overthrow the Communist Party or subvert the nation,"

There was no independent confirmation of whether the letter had come directly from Mr Zhao. It was sent to the 15th Communist Party Congress

on Friday, the opening day. No China analyst expects Mr Zhao to make a political comeback, but he could re-emerge as a very disruptive influence for a party desperate to present a picture of

The question of the Tiananmen Square verdict is the last issue which China's leaders want on the agenda at this juncture. This is the congress at which President Jiang Zemin, who is also general secretary of the party, is determined to establish himself as the primus inter pares for the post-Deng era.

Mr Jiang was not directly involved in the decision to send in the troops to Tiananmen Square, but his sudden elevation to party chief in 1989 was as a result of the deposing of Mr Zhao, who until then had been Mr Deng's anointed successor.

US offers compromise on global landmine ban

In a major reversal, the United States has offered to sign a global treaty banning landmines under a compromise that would allow an additional nine years before the ban takes effect, US officials said yesterday. But they said negotiations in Oslo were nearing the end game and it was not at all clear if the compromise would be accepted. "A compromise has been offered that would be nine years from signature," one said. Countries could elect to defer implementing the ban on deploying new landmines for nine years from signing the treaty, which is expected to be signed in December. Negotiators had discussed a two-year phase-in period. The official stressed that the compromise of nine years was the same period that existed under an earlier convention on conventional

weapons that regulated landmines. Until this weekend, when it told allies of its new position, the US had said it could not sign any treaty that limited its ability to use anti-personnel landmines to defend South Korea from an attack from the North. But officials said pressure had been building in favour of the treaty, forcing the proposal.

Poison levels in dairy foods

Disturbing levels of the poison dioxin have been discovered in some French dairy products, according to the newspaper Le Monde. Although the quantities identified are far below the accepted danger level, some are higher than the limits recommended by the Council of Europe. One of the milk-producing areas worst affected, apparently by atmospheric pollution from surrounding in-dustry, is the Pas-de-Calais, just across the Channel from Kent.

According to Le Monde, a study commissioned by the French agriculture ministry - and never published - found significant levels of dioxin in 19 out of 40 samples taken in 34 Freuch départements. The Council of Europe recommends that dioxin in dairy products should remain below 1 picogram per gram of fat. Above 5 picograms, the products must be removed from the market. Most of the samples showed dioxin levels at just below or just over 1 picograms. Two findings in the Pas-de-Calais and Seine Maritime were above 3 picograms.

The French Ministry of Agriculture said it regarded the results as "acceptable". Most of the findings were close to the "target" set by the Council of Europe, it said.

Author takes swipe at

Washington (Reuters) - Bestselling Chilean writer Isabel Allende has turned to sex and food for her next work - a recipe book to stimulate the love lives of her readers.

The aphrodisiac recipes, concocted with the help of her 76year-old mother, will appear next month in Spain under the tile Aphrodite. "It's a book about sex and food," Allende said during a visit to the US capital. "It's a male problem, really. Women have no interest in aphrodisiacs, which have their plot to kill him. origin in the fragility of the male n. It is given names of tools and weapons, and even ure for millions of Russians, who said to have supernatural pow- blame him for bungling the ers, but in fact it fits inside a tin privatisation of much of the So- a multi-millionaire banker. But of sardines."

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Top Russian politician male fragility under death threat Death threats have acquired a

grim plausibility in post-Soviet Russia, where hundreds of business executives have been killed in the scramble for the nation's spoils. So the Kremlin had no choice yesterday but to sharply tighten security around one of their most powerful and least popular officials, Anatoly Chubais. Aides to Mr Chubais, one of the top three in the Yeltsin administration, said that the Russian security services had received a tip-off of a possible The First Deputy Prime Min-

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Anatoly Chubais: Plot

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This weekend, Nezavisimaya

hope for Cyprus talks Larnaca, Cyprus (Reuters) ---

Albright sees

The Greek Cypriot President, Glafcos Clerides, and the Turkish Cypriot leader, Rauf Denktash, plan to meet soon to discuss security issues linked to the dispute dividing the island, the United States Secretary of State, Madeleine Albright, said yesterday.

"This is a substantial step. The environment of tension, threat, and counter-threat has been going on in Cyprus for far too long," Mrs Albright said during a brief stopover in Cyprus after completing a Middle East tour.

She said that Mr Clerides and willingness to meet Tom Miller. the new US State Department ers yesterday. No date for the talks was specified.

Mrs Albright spent about 30 minutes in Cyprus after a visit to Lebanon. She then boarded a jet to return to Washington. She did not meet any Cypriot

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Skeleton Coast crash one in a million

Washington – Two military planes which disappeared on Sunday probably collided in mid-air over the south Atlantic off Namibia and there were no signs yesterday that any of the 33 people on board survived.

A senior American air force official said it appeared "most likely" that the US military cargo plane and a German transport plane were involved in a mid-air collision on Sunday

Major General Greg Gile, director of operations at the US Atlantic Command, said that the two planes, whose flight paths intersected over the cold waters off Namibia's Skeleton Coast, had gone missing at about the same time in the same air space.

was yesterday heading an extensive search and rescue mis-



A Russian-built Tupoley, in service in the German air force, and of the type involved in the collision

found. A Namibian fishing ves-porting 12 marines, two of their sel reported sighting what appear to have been pieces of wreckage from the German plane, a Russian-built Tupolev The South African air force German air force. The vessel picked up part of an aeroplane seat and papers in German

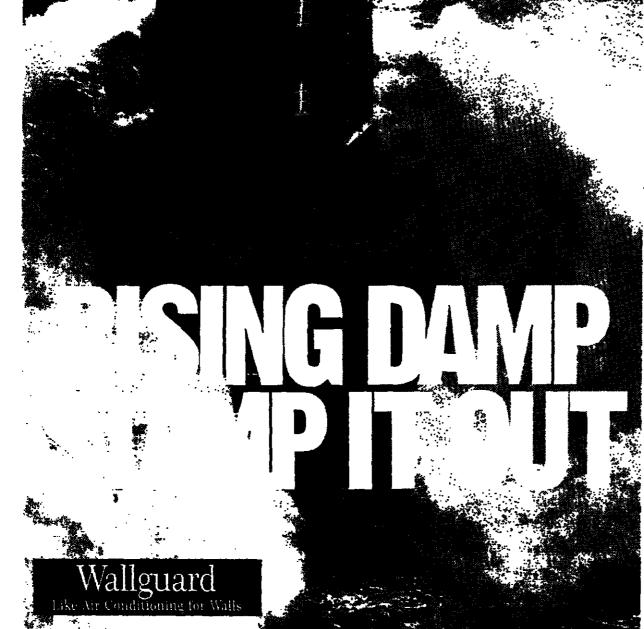
spouses and 10 crew members to Cape Town where the marines were due to take part in a regatta to commemorate the that used to belong to the East 75th anniversary of the South African navy

The American plane, a giant C-141, had nine crew members aboard, all of whose identities

were made known yesterday to their relatives in the US. The C-141, heading in an easterly direction, was carrying cargo from Ascension Island, a British posession, to Namibia.

While some of the blame is likely to fall on the air traffic controllers from South Africa, Angola and Namibia who jointly monitor air space in that part of the South Atlantic, it nevertheless appears to have been an extraordinary, one-in-a-million misfortune that the two aircraft should have collided.

Washington – The US Air Force said it had temporarily grounded its fleet of F-117A stealth fighters following the spectacular air show crash of one of the little bat-wing planes near Baltimore on Sunday. The service stressed there was no indication of any problem with other F-117s, all based at a base



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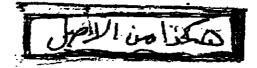
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Jewish settlers take over Palestinian houses

overnight into Ras al-Amoud, a Palestinian district of Jerusalem. The move kills any chance of co-operation between Israel and the Palestinians to stop suicide bombers and increases the chance of fresh bombings. Patrick Cockburn reports a move certain to provoke a new crisis over the city.

"We came here with 15 people live here peacefully," says Ronn 11,000 Palestinian, Mr Torossian, 23, formerly from the Bronx they would have killed me." in New York and waving an Israeli flag, said that his group would be taking over other adding: "There cannot be peace cannot be peace with the Arabs who want to kill the Jews."

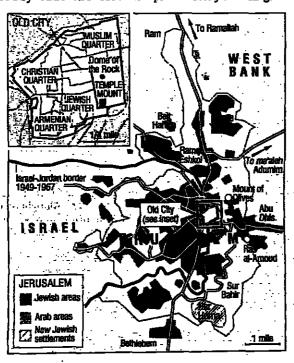
The takeover of two houses - one a large villa and the other a small office - within sight Moskowitz, whom she described of the Muslim shrines of al-Aqsa as "a warm and friendly man". and the Dome of the Rock, appears to have been timed by the paid Palestinians who were settlers to sink any hope of further peace negotiations be-possession. But at both houses tween Israel and Palestinians. there were disconsolate groups Many of their cars bore the of Palestinians who said they stickers: "Save Israel - Stop had just been evicted. Imad Oslo Now."

ment had the legal right to stop the takeover on overall security grounds it had not done so. Batya Klein, 22, one of the settlers, said: "We told the police what we were going to do early yesterday morning

Palestinians in Ras al-Amud were either dejected or enraged. Ali Hamdullah, a truck driver, lives in a large white house 100 yards from the settiers' new villa. Although he was born in the house in 1956 the courts have been trying to evict to settle and 40 supporters to him on the grounds that it was illegally constructed half a cen-Torossian, spokesman for the tury ago. He said: "I was wait-Jewish settlers who had just tak- ing here last night to see if a en over a large house in Ras al- settler would try to come and Amoud, a district in which live take my house. If he did I would have killed him and then

The man who financed the purchase of the houses taken over by settlers this week as well houses in the neighbourhood in as a further 3.5 acres of Ras aldue course. He admitted some Amoud is Irving Moskowitz, an of the settlers were armed, American multi-millionaire whose wealth comes from priwith [Yasser] Arafat. There vate hospitals and one of the world's bigger bingo parlours in Long Beach, California. Batya Klein said the three settler families rented from Dr

The settlers said they had renting the property for vacant Hamad, 30, who kept a bus and Benjamin Netanyahu, the Is- a mini-bus on land which had raeli Prime Minister, said yes- also been taken over said: "Peoterday that the Israeli plewho really own things don't



government did not approve of come like thieves in the middle the takeover. His office said that of the night." He pointed to it had known about it only a where the settlers had used a short time before it happened. tow-truck to rip up one of his But the settlers were sure that gateposts out of the concrete. Mr Netanyahu was with them in spirit. Mr Torossian said: "He knew what we were doing. idents, said it was wrong for Mr He supports building in Netanyahu to say his legal op-

al-Amud is also a sharp rebuff absolute right to stop this on gento Madeleine Albright, the eral security grounds under a rul-United States Secretary of State, ing by the attorney general in who last week directly called in 1991," He said: "This will make a speech in Jerusalem for a Jerusalem like Hebron, a city of "time out" on further Jewish hate. It isn't a level playing field settlements. She also appeared on property rights since Palesto have persuaded Yasser timians have had one third of their Arafat, the Palestinian leader. land in the city expropriated." to arrest over 100 alleged members of Hamas, the Islamic mil- Knesset (parliament) from the itant organisation which is believed by Israel to have sent the suicide bombers who have

killed Israelis in two attacks. Inside the villa, now decorated with Israeli flags and de- will stop Palestinians ever claimfended by about 50 paramilitary ing even part of Jerusalem as police, there was a mood of jubilation. Although the govern-

Danny Seidemann, a lawyer for some of the Ras al-Annud restions were limited. "The gov-The settlers' move into Ras ernment and the police had an

> Benny Elon, a member of the radical right, speaking outside the seized villa, agrees that the legal technicalities do not matter. He said when Ras al-Amud becomes a larger settlement it their capital. He added: "This is not a debate. This is a war."





Property rights: Palestinians throwing stones at Jewish settlers in Ras al-Amoud yesterday

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PROFILE OF IRVING MOSKOWITZ

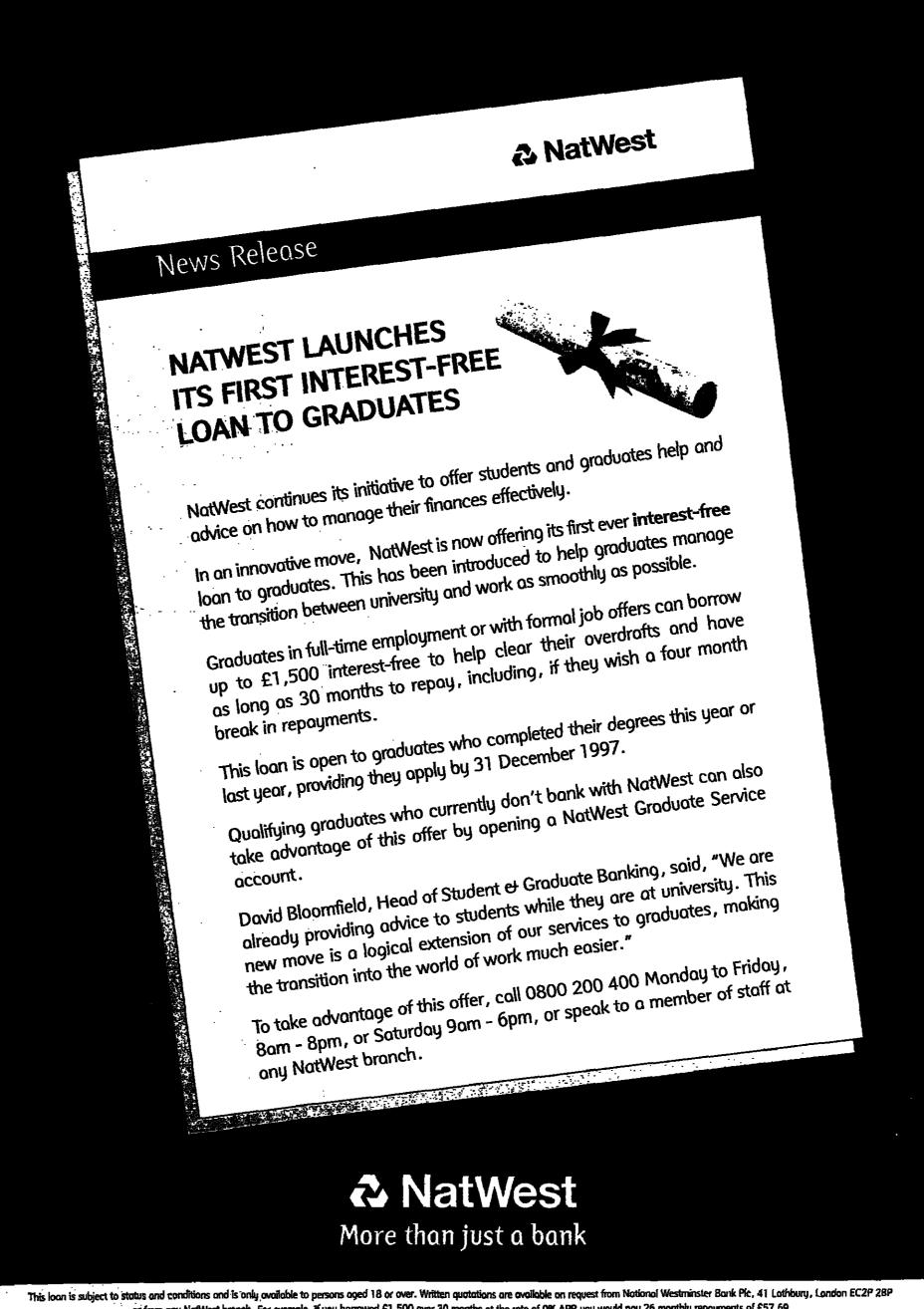
Miami millionaire who funds the settlements

Irving Moskowitz, an American multi-millionaire living in Miami. He once said he wants "to do everything I possibly can to help reclaim Jerusalem for the Jewish people".

He made his money from private hospitals and a bingo parlour in Long Beach. California. He usualty acts through an organisation called Ateret Cohanim (Crown of Priests) dedicated to Judaizing the older parts stalled 600 settlers. Over the - settlement of 132 houses.

The takeover of houses in Ras years, Dr Moskowitz has gival-Amoud was funded by Dr en them £1.5m. He is closely allied to the government of Benjamin Netanyahu, the Isracli Prime Minister.

Ateret Cohanim was accused of using semi-legal means in a government report four years ago. The settlers who moved into Rus al-Amond yesterday claimed to belong to no organisation, but later admitted to a connection with Ateret Cohanim. Dr Moskowitz also owns land in Ras al-Amoud on which he of Jerusalem, where it has in- wants to build a Jewish



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Super wasps head for British shores

Climate change is bringing new insects to Britain from warmer Mediterranean lands. Scientists believe that insects are already being affected as pollution from fossil fuels traps more heat in the atmosphere. Nicholas Schoon, Environment Correspondent, reports on the northwards march of wasps, moths, butterflies and crickets.

The median wasp is a nastier species than the other varieties buzzing round the patios and picnics of late summer Britain. It is bigger, more aggressive and more persistent in stinging. Since it often nests in bushes rather than roof spaces, gardeners and pets are more likely to infuriate them. "I would definitely say they are more unpleasant," said Chris Turner, a senior manager with a pest-control company.

The median is just one of dozens of insect species on the move in Britain thanks to

sex, in 1988, it has now reached In the last 10 years eight summers (officially from 1 June 1 warmer than average. This year's was just over a degree above the 15.4C average for central England between 1961

The bee wolf has also begun a big wasp which paralyses honey bees with its sting and flies cession at a few sites in Norfolk. back to its burrow carrying its victim. The bee is then eaten alive by the growing grubs. Until the early Eighties, it was known only on the Isle of Wight and in a couple of places in Essex. But since then it has been heading north at 30 miles a year, and has passed Spurn Head,

Britain's native homet, double the size of an ordinary wasp, has also been moving rapidly upcountry. "It's having a very good time," entomologist Mike Edwards said. "It's quite docile. You'd have to really provoke it to make it sting you, but when it does it's quite a

Similar findings are being

warmer summers. First found made for dragonflies, butterjust outside Brighton, East Sus-flies, moths, crickets and even cockroaches. Sometimes it is a Wales, Cornwall and Yorkshire. case of a long-established native species abruptly expanding its range northwards, turning up in to 31 August) have been places where it has not been seen for many decades - or nev-

The yellow-winged darter is a dragonfly from Europe's deep south which crossed the Channel in its thousands in the very a swift move northwards. It is hot summer of 1995. It has now bred for two summers in suc-

> Changes in woodland management and habitat creation may explain some of these dramatic changes, but scientists agree that warmer weather is the major factor.

Martin Warren, of Butterfly Conservation, said: "A tiny difference in average temperatures makes a big difference to an insect's chances of survival. This is a real movement of species, there's no doubt about it, and it is very suggestive of global warming."
There will be losers as well

as gainers. Species such as the Scotch burnet moth which love the cold may be forced out of northern Britain and ousted from its mountain tops.



Northern exposure: The long winged, cone head bush cricket (1), Roessel's bush cricket (2) and the orange tip (3), ringlet (4), gatekeeper (5), small skipper (6) and holly blue (7) butterflies and the red underwing moth (8) are all spreading, mostly northwards. The map butterfly (9) has not yet arrived from Europe but is expected soon. Among the dragonflies, the yellow winged darter (10) may have established a breeding population, the migrant hawker (II) is spreading east and north while the large, rare lesser emperor (12) may become more common. The unarmed stick-insect (13) introduced from New Zealand, is spreading in Comwall. Also expanding are the hornet (14) and median wasp (15) Photomontage: Mark Hayman

Why the polluters are rarely brought to book

Companies regularly break the legal limits for the quantities of pollution they can pour into Britain's rivers and sea. But why are these firms, several of them household names, hardly ever prosecuted for such breaches? Nickolas Schoon reports on Friends of the Earth's complaint against the Government's green watchdog.

A firm found pumping out more pollution than it is legally entitled to has less than a one in a hundred chance of being prosecuted by the Government's Environment Agency, Friends of the Earth has found. to the regulated, saying agency tell them to act as a tough

officials sometimes refer to polluting companies as "customers" in speeches and print.

Every company emitting po-tentially harmful chemicals into waterways and the sea must have official consent from the agency, which sets down maximum limits. The Priends asked for full records of how many times these were breached over a 12-month period starting in October 1995, excluding water and sewage companies. The agency, covering Eng-

land and Wales, charged £1,573 for the information. There were 2.152 breaches at 830 sites, including food factories, fish terday. John Moynihan, direcfarms and airports. Among the biggest names were Nestlé, Cadbury, McCain Foods and Trebor Bassett. The agency launched only 17 prosecutions for the breaches. Campaigner Mike Childs said: "The agency's record of prosecutions is hope-

watchdog." The investigation also showed big differences in apparent willingness to prosecute between the agency's re-

The Midlands had 20 per cent of breaches but took no one to court; the Thames region had 5 per cent but launched a quarter of prosecutions.

The agency said most breaches were "of no environmental significance." Each year 40,000 samples of polluting outputs were taken, and only 5

per cent were over the limit. By coincidence, the agency had a big courtroom success yestor of a hospital waste disposal company, Green Environmental Industries, was jailed for 18 months by St Alban's Crown Court for illegal storage of clinical waste.

Among 100 tonnes of rubbish were used syringes and It fears the regulator is too close less ... the Government should scalpels, body tissue and amputated limbs.

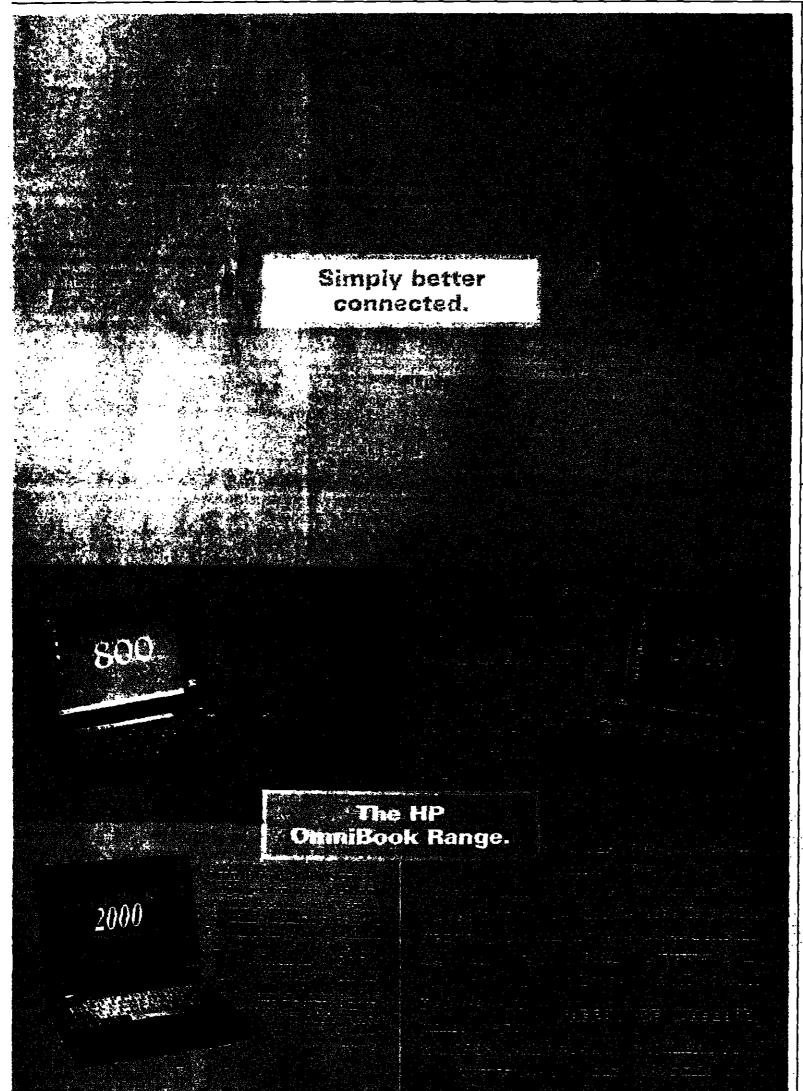
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As the conkers fall, France has a lesson for our schools

Just as in Britain, the new school year in France has produced heated exchanges about the plans for educational reform. But the French, with a tradition of centralised, old-fashioned schooling, seem to be heading in the opposite direction to us - they want more creativity and less control. So what is going on? Do they know something we don't? Our correspondent, with a young son at school in Paris, investigates.

France is a country of immutable rhythms. The grapes are being harvested, conkers are falling, unheeded, from the trees, children are back at school and the education minister is threatening to reform the French education system.

The new school year has started with another ritual debate: are school satchels too heavy? French school-children, like bagladies, tend to carry all their possessions with them. The chic item this autumn, for boys and girls alike, is the wheelie-satchel, which resembles the overnight bag popularised by flight attendants.

Charlie, aged 7, has been advised by his school-friends that when you reach the heights of his new class - CE1, or the secno longer cool to wear your satchel on your back. If your parents refuse to provide you with wheels, you must carry your huge bag in your hand, with the correct degree of pained insouciance.

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Now that he has moved up one class, the iron grip of the French education system is beginning to tighten on Charlie. School for seven- and eight-year-olds consists of the five Rs: reading, writing, arithmetic, religion and running around the playground. There is little art and no geography or history. Reading starts later in France. Charlie already reads perfectly in English. But in French he and his French Allègre announced that his ambition was classmates remain at a basic level. "Toto to "get the fat off the mammoth" of the the snail has hay-fever." (Lucky Toto, you French education system. He plans to remight say, if it saves him from being eaten in garlic).

known. Project work exists only on the re-independence and initiative.

ligious lessons, where Charlie and his classmates are studying the life of Mother Teresa. (Diana, Princess of Wales, whose fatal car accident occurred a half mile from the school, also received an honourable mention from the teacher.)

Charlie goes to a Catholic, and therefore private school, but one under contract to the state and generously subsidised, in the closest personally to Jospin himself. return for obedience to the national curriculum. The time when education ministers knew exactly what each child in France was studying at each hour of the day is long gone. But much - almost certainly too much remains controlled from the centre.

The French attitude to the French education system is like the British attitude to the British justice system; a simultaneous belief that it is the best in world and riddled with failings. The most common criticism is that the emphasis on the basics, and the reliance on rote learning, produces minds which are literate, well-informed but lacking in initiative and creativity. A survey last week suggested that some schools

BY JOHN LICHFIELD

were not even delivering the basics very well: ond year of primary school proper - it is it found that one in 10 young French people presenting themselves for induction for national service could not read properly.

The other criticism is that the system is over-administered, too centrally directed and too much under the chalky thumb of the teaching unions. In other words schools in France are run for the benefit of bureaucrats and teachers, not pupils.

This, in essence, is the view of Claude Allègre, the son of a teacher, a former university professor and administrator, and now the Socialist minister for education, research and technology. Even before the left won the general election in June, Mr duce the number of directorates in the vast education ministry from 19 to 10 and to The school day is composed mostly of transfer surplus officials to university and copying from the blackboard, and dictation local school administrations. The aim is to to improve the pupils' handwriting, spelling promote local and regional decisionand grammar. Creative writing is un-making and to give teachers more sense of

Mr Allègre is one of most interesting members of the new government; a jovial, irascible man who, unusually for a French politician, or politicians anywhere, speaks with both humour and common sense. Though not young - he is 60 - Mr Allègre is one of the most new-Labourish of ministers in Lionel Jospin's government, and

In the space of a couple of days, he criticised the high level of absenteeism by teachers in state schools and their habit of awarding themselves training days in termtime, even though they have the shortest teaching year in the EU. Within a week of the rentrée des classes, a senior teacher at one of the snobbiest state lycées in Paris informed his pupils that he would be away for two weeks on a pottery course.

The teaching unions screamed at Mr Allègre, but the subtext of his remarks was clear. Unlike other education ministers especially Socialist education ministers he would not be held in the corporatist vice of the cosy relationship between the education ministry and the education profes-

Plans are being made to arrange a meeting in Paris shortly between Mr Allègre and his British counterpart, David Blunkett. One can imagine the two men getting on well, even though, in some respects, they facing

Mr Blunkett is pursuing the movement towards basic disciplines and accountability in British schools and away from the looser, and more imaginative, approaches which became common in the 1970s and 1980s.

Mr Allègre's aim is to reduce the Pariscontrolled, curriculum-led, predictability of French education and to allow schools, and teachers, more freedom.

Both men could be right. In theory, France and Britain could converge on an approach which preserves the best of both systems: encouraging more creativity in France and more drilling in the basic skills in Britain.

Charlie did not thrive in a British system which plunged him into creative writing projects (The Ancient Egyptians; the Blitz) before he even knew how to form his letters properly.

In France his powers of concentration and his hand-writing have been miraculously improved. But he is beginning to be unimpressed by the health problems of Toto



By the book: A page from the Madeline traditional French storybook series. Children in France are subjected to a far more traditional regime than their UK counterparts Copyright Ludwig Bernelans/Scholastic Publications Ltd



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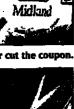
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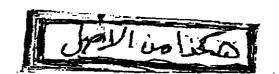
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nali children, some as young as e and four, are now being en daily sessions of sychoanalysis. Over the top? ertainly not, say the analysts. Vendy Wallace reports on children ho tak quite naturally about all orts of things that they wouldn't hention a few years later.

n the witting-room of the Anna Frend Cenre in Hampstead, north Loudon, alongside he New Yorkers and Elles, are the Giant Book of Fair Stories and Richard Scarry. Outside, n thehardwood splendour of the hall, a womai in a bright shirt and sensible sandals is negitiating with a plump little girl on the stairs "You can't keep hitting people," she ays, as a plastic pencil case comes flying down "It doesn't get you anywhere."

Hampstead is the therapy capital of Britin but here in Maresfield Gardens, a lewiloors away from the Freud Museum. it is not adults who come to talk over their worties and examine their inner selves, but small children. The Anna Freud Centre was taited by Sigmund Freud's daughter durngthe Second World War to care for childrin traumatised by the Blitz. Now it offers chological services to children and their milies and has some 50 children having long-term treatment of up to two years, half of them coming four or five times a week for psychoanalysis. The youngest patients are three years old.

The ay response to this tends to be that whetheror not there's anything wrong with these children, the parents must be mad. Who in heir right mind would impose the tyrannyof a daily therapy session on a preschoole? But the centre's director, Julia Fabricis, says that tiny children make ideal canddates for full-time psychoanalysis. "I world like to see more of the underfives, she says. "They end up coming at eight ir nine. But a year when you're four beter than three years when you're nine. All sets of things that we don't talk about laterin life - sex, death, babies - a small childtalks about just like that."

Ilia Fabricius, herself a Frendian analyst, attuned to the inner world of small childen. In the consulting room, she has been Selltaped to her chair (by a little girl who had suffered a lot of losses" and didn't want hero go on holiday), regularly gets down on all fours to play complicated games of



Children on the couch: Is three the perfect age to meet your shrink?

wouldn't speak. You're trying to give the child ish ways - through the media of paint and Rose Edgcumbe. You get a sense of what

Upstairs, in the centre's consulting rooms,

a space which is safe in every way," she says.

Plasticine and water. Children are allowed, worries the child and what he does about "Where all sorts of things can be expressed, to make a mess in their 50-minute sessions," it. Up to the age of five or six, the child may and gradually be understood."

It's important for them to see, says a senior, instantly start playing out stories. Then the child therapist, Rose Edgcumbe, that mess curtains start coming down." there are small couches. But children tend is all right, that it can exist, then be cleared Full psychoanalysis for children is at the

ninnacle of a range of services the centre And their play informs the therapist. offers families who are struggling with their disturbance seem fairly clear. But it is not story of the struggling with their disturbance seem fairly clear. But it is not always the case. "People tend to think that awour that tell you what sort of child this approached the support service where parsual children are happy," says Rose

child therapist, and 15 children displaying various degrees of distress are enrolled in the centre's nursery. Only a small minority of the troubled children assessed are advised

to embark on full therapy.

Colin, now aged six, was one of them. He has recently finished two years of psychoanalysis, which began when he was enrolled in the centre's nursery at the age of four, and continued through his first year of primary school. His grandmother Nancy Osborn, who looks after him, believes he has benefited, "I think it helped him to believe

in himself and get some self-worth," she says. Colin's mother, Nancy's daughter, is mentally ill. His father is an alcoholic. The two struggled to care for him until he was three. then couldn't cope any more. Colin's mother had spent long periods in hospital; his father has bobbed in and out of his life.

"Colin has had a very ... His early life was very ..." his grandmother says. The words never quite materialise. She has looked after him for the past three years.

But the little boy was slow to speak, and cautious with other children. He was very, very good - except when he had violent temper tantrums. Despite being bright, he couldn't colour in a picture or write his name. "It all pointed to a lack of confidence and a bit of insecurity," says Nancy Osborn. "They consulted me and his mother, and felt maybe he could do with a bit of help."

How did she explain it to the child? "They call her a special friend. They don't say you're going to have psychoanalysis, just that you're going each day to talk and play." Sometimes Colin didn't want to go but they stuck with it, going four days a week for two years. His grandmother is sure it was worth it. "He seems such a wellbalanced, well-adjusted child, and such a nice companion," she says. "But I think if we hadn't had that help, he would have been more anxious and insecure. Ouite definitely I can say that therapy has helped him." Colin is now doing well in a mainstream school.

The process of psychoanalysis with children - as with adults - involves the analyst reflecting the patient's view of the world back to them, but with more light let in. Children. like adults, can be helped to understand themselves, says Julia Fabricius. "A lot of people do not know what they're feeling. Just to be able to know it and name it is a great gain. If you can go farther and understand

why you are feeling it, so much the better." In Colin's case, the main causes of his

ents can talk over their worries with a trained Edgeumbe. "They can understand that abused or neglected children may have difficulties, but they don't expect it of ordinary children in ordinary families."

There was no obvious reason why Chice Goodman (not her real name) by the age of three didn't sleep, wouldn't feed berself and was reluctant to socialise with other children at nursery school. The nursery suggested an educational psychologist but her mother took Chioe for assessment at the Anna Freud Centre, where staff recommended full psychoanalysis, "I panicked," says Deborah Goodman. "I think because it was five days a week, I was shocked. But that's how they work with children, to build

a relationship and give continuity." Mrs Goodman didn't discuss her daughter's intensive therapy with friends. "I found that the response is that people are very scared to see that they may have a part to play in their children's development. They would rather the child was diagnosed with an illness than with an emotional difficulty."

But she took Chloe every weekday for more than a year, for sessions which she did not sit in on. "I know she did a lot of playing and drawing, and played a lot with little figures. I had a sense that she was coming out feeling very happy and relaxed."

Chloe gradually stopped coming into her parents' bed every two hours, and her eating became less erratic. By the time she started primary school, the sessions were ent down to four per week, and Chloe had made a lot of progress.

The Anna Freud Centre is one of only a handful of places in Britain where children can receive full psychoanalysis. Payment is on a sliding scale according to means; not all the parents are the rich and introverted stuff of Hampstead stereotype. Around onethird of children are from low-income families and contribute only £2.50 a week. A few pay the going market rate for full-time therapy - about £8,000-£9,000 per year. A few children are paid for by their local health authority. Parents are usually seen once a week by a separate therapist to discuss their child's progress and their role in it.

But full-time therapy is not for any child, says Julia Fabricius, "There is a cost to the child's life," she says, "So he or she needs to be in some trouble - bullying or being bulfied, with no friends, unable to separate from mother, underperforming at school. And the school has tried, the parents have tried and failed to make any difference. In a child of three, four or five, when development is galloping along, there is room for things to go rapidly wrong but also to go right. There is huge potential to do good."



MAMMOND

We can't tell how often they do it or whether they're any good at it

"Hello, the Infirmaty." "Hello, who am I speaking

"Switchboard." "Could you be a hit more specific?"

"Maureen on switchboard." "Hello Maureen. My name's

Well, I've been referred to MrBrylon for my periods ..." 'Just putting you through." Stop. I don't want to be put

"On your periods?" "On Mr Brylon. I've got my

Patient's Charter in front of me and it says that I have a right to be referred to 'a consultant acceptable to me'."

"I know nothing at all about Mr Brylon. So how can I tell if he's acceptable?"

"Have you asked the GP?" "He says he's a good chap and he's got the shortest waiting list. But does that mean he's efficient and works very hard? Or is he so bad, no one wants to see him?"

"I did overhear him in the staff canteen saying his golf handicap had gone up from five to 15 in the last two years."

"Yes, but that could mean he's playing less golf because he's putting more hours in as a doctor - or that he's playing the same amount and losing his hand-eye co-ordination."

"Well, he took five goes to master the Mexican salad ..." "Can't you give me any-

thing more concrete?"
"Not officially. We're alconsultants are and roughly

knows what really goes on in a tomy if you've got no secondary hospital, it's those incredibly helpful switchboard operators. I mean, you must hear every-

Brylon's knots, but I've never heard a patient complain. In fact, Cybil in out-patients says he gets more bottles of whisky

at Christmas than the other gynaecologists put together." "So he's a moe man?"

"Oh yes. And very old-fashioned, too."

"Meaning?" "Well he doesn't piddle about with keybole surgery and lasers. He's very much straight down the middle and out with

"Lovely. Any other surgeons you could recommend?" "Mr Masani's the talk of the

the Good Doctor Guide." "Great." "But Sheila from Medical Records reckons he forged his own recommendations."

"Still, he might be worth a

education."

"Why?" "A letter in last week's British Medical Journal says Well, Doris in theatre that removing the wombs of doesn't reckon much to Mr low-income women is often more efficient than taking the time to educate them and treat them medically."

"But I'm already being treated medically."

"What with?" "Norethisterone."

"Ah, well that's your prob-

lem. Leslie says that although it's the commonest prescribed drug for heavy periods in the UK, there's no evidence it's any more effective than a placebo." "So what should I take?"

> "Leslie recommends tranexamic acid if you want to hold on to your womb, Either that or go back to school."

"Or I suppose I could marhospital since he appeared in ry someone rich?"

"Just so long as he isn't a doctor. Poor women have much higher rates of hysterectomy than rich women except for ...

"The wives of doctors?" Yes. And the highest rate amonest them is for ... The wives of gynaecolo-

"Precisely, Rumour has it Mr 40th birthday."

you've been most helpful."

lowed to tell the public who the "Not for you, dear, he's a knee man. Can I just ask how what they do - but not how often they do it and whether much schooling you've had?" they're any good at it." "Why?" "Leslie from the library, Brylon gave his wife one for her "And unofficially?" she's got women's problems so "I couldn't say." That's what the BMA said: she had a nose through the jour-Thank you Maureen, "And?" nals. And guess what?" 'All our consultants are highly trained - we cannot recommend "What?" individuals." According to some professor "So why are you asking me?" in Cambridge, you're 15 times "I just thought that if anyone more likely to have a hysterecthrough. I want your opinion." higher incidence of stomach and time is critical. When fear or mer than those who miss the

VITAL SIGNS **Meat rations**

Scientists appointed to advise the Government on the nations diet are preparing to is-Suca new warning about the rish of eating red meat. Membe of the Committee on Medics Aspects of Food Policy (C)MA) will recommend that peple should eat a maximum of 40g (50z) of cooked meat any, equivalent to almost half a pund of the raw product. Althugh average daily red meat cosumption is half this level,

Silence kills

An information service on bowel cancer is launched today, aimed at cutting the 49 deaths a day from the disease which is Britain's second biggest killer cancer. The service, Infoline, is out of the population who eat cer. If caught early, over 80 per carbohydrate and fibre. Breakthe largest quantities have a cent of cases are curable; but fast eaters also tend to be slim-

embarrassment keep people from seeing their GP, the chances of complete cure are much reduced." Infoline: 0171-381 4711.

Wake up slim

Dieters who skip breakfast as part of a slimming regime may staffed by volunteers from the be making it harder to lose charity Colon Cancer Concern. weight. Research shows that eat-Anne Keatley-Clarke, chief exing a cereal breakfast reduces ecutive, said: "Bowel cancer is the percentage of daily fat constill the least talked about can-sumed and raises the level of

meal, according to the British Journal of Nutrition, cited in The Breakfast Report, published by Kelloggs yesterday.

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What do boys learn about when they learn about sex?

They hear it in the playground or they get it from the television or magazines. All too often, that's how boys learn about sex. But where are the parents? Celia Dodd hears from four men about their own initiation and asks them if they serve their own sons better, while Miriam Stoppard tells Jack O'Sullivan why she thinks a new book will help.

This summer's most striking image of Ed, a book aimed at both male and female member if the questions are answered shiftimale sexuality was not of some bronzed hunk on a beach. It was of 11-year-old Sean Stewart, shocked to discover he had fathered a child by 15-year-old Emma Webster. "I assumed it was a childish romance," said Sean's mother. "I wondered if they had held hands or cuddled but not in my wildest dreams did I imagine they were having sex."

The story raises in extreme form the problems parents face in introducing boys to an understanding of sex, especially now, when the media exposes children to images of sex long before they understand what it involves; boys, just as much as girls, can easily drift into sexual experiences with no real idea of what they are getting into.

This week, Miriam Stoppard, doctor, health guru and agony aunt, publishes Ser

teenagers. " I believe in harm reduction," she says, "You can't expect children to be responsible, they will experiment and I believe that information discourages experimentation. Of course some children are embarrassed and if an adult is alarmist, this does not communicate a message. You can't force information but you can make it available to them and respect their privacy.

"It is good to mention that, for example, it is very normal to masturbate. Also, include feelings, values, emotions, love and fairness. That is where parents have the advantage over teachers. Feelings is what sex is about and they are not covered by school.

'Children don't come to you embarrassed, they are very natural and it would be odd if they weren't. And a child will re-

ly and then they won't come back."

The truth, as every man knows is that boys are much less well provided for. The caring mother will talk to her daughter when she begins to have periods. But for boys, there is no similar explicit mark of puberty that makes it impossible to avoid the subject. If their fathers or mothers do deal with sex, it is usually too late, when the boy has already reach the stage of being too embarrassed to talk to them about it. Sometimes parents will supply a book in the vain hope that this will deal with the problem. But report after report finds that many fathers completely avoid the issue: the days when dad took his lad off to a prostitute

to learn a thing or two are long gone. It is easy enough to see why learning

about sex is harder for boys. Pubescent boys typically find it hard to talk about anything, seems to be no escaping the need for parnever mind sex. And the task is left to men, many of whom cannot discuss sex even with their partners. In contrast, women talk about sex a lot and girls have dozens of magazines which explore sexual development.

A few books can be found aimed specifically at boys. Nick Fisher is author of Living with a Willie (Macmillan £3.50), which goes from "the winkle years" through to "sex and your sausage". Fisher believes that it is almost impossible for teachers to provide good sex education. "A boy finds it hard to sit beside someone he has just done a geography lesson with and then start talk-. ing about sex with a teacher who normally takes history." Dr Stoppard agrees: "The classroom context feels too awkward,

and almost precludes questions." There

ents to fill in the gaps. Five tips for parents wanting to help their

sons deal with sex. I Learn to talk to your own pariner about sex. If you can't do that, you will nev-

er be able to speak easily to your child. 2 Listen to your son. 3 Start early. Don't wait until puberty

when taboos are harder to break down. 4 Find some good books - if your son won't talk at least he can read something 5 Choose a friend or relative who will also encourage your son to discuss sex if he finds it too difficult talk to you

Sex Ed is published by Dorling Kindersley

Blake Morrison, journalist and author of 'And When Did You Last See Your Father?", has sons aged 15 and 8, and a daughter, 13.

In my first year at grammar school an ugly rumour went round about The Thing That People Did. Two friends and I formed a disbelievers' club – a sort of Flat Earthers of Sexuality society. It lasted about three

I never had the formal chat in the study from my father. I suppose it was odd my parents didn't tell me more about sex because they were both GPs. Maybe they were just too busy. There was an embarrassing moment when my father discovered that my foreskin hadn't retracted, and that I had a latedescending testicle. It would have been an opportunity to say. "It might seem odd to you that we're bothered about this, but the reason is x or y." All I remember is my embarrassment and him reproaching himself that he hadn't noticed earlier.

I didn't grow up resenting all this. By the time I knew about sex. I would have been embarrassed by any parental attempt to explain it. Because by that point with me it wasn't until I was about 12 - you learn a lot very quickly.

It was rough and ready, but knowledge building up from detailed anatomical knowledge about girls. You probably wouldn't have heard about a clitoris until you were a student.

The conversations were smutty, and because it was a hoys' grammar there was a lot I wasn't in an agony of ignoof really objectionable talk rance and longing to know about girls who did it and tremendous peer pressure to pretend you had sexual experience when you hadn't. There was no honest, confidential chat, such as you can imagine girls having with a good friend. But I did acquire a kind of rudimentary knowledge.

When I finally had sex when I was about 15, I began poring over medical textbooks - my parents had a few in the attic and convinced myself I had syphilis and all sorts of other sophisticated ailments. Then my father discovered that I'd been having sex in his house so he had to have a chat with me. But it wasn't about the mechanics - it was too late for that - just an

With my own children there

awkward for me to talk to my solutely imperative to avoid daughter about, say, menstruation: advice like that surely comes more naturally from a woman - though if I were a single parent I might try. But from an early age all my children have been more aware of sex, they've heard a lot more about it at school and the few questions they asked when they were lit-



tle were happily answered. But now two of them are teenagers. and it's something they prefer to share with their friends rather than us.

The novelist Terence Blacker was born in 1948. His latest novel. 'Revenance', features sex with a spirit. He has a son, Xan, 20, and daughter, Alice, 18

I would rather have died than ask my parents about sex. But because I was away at boarding school from the age of seven there was a sort of formality at home which really didn't allow schoolfriends made it unnec- discussion of awkward intimaessary to ask my parents ques- cies. There might nave been tions. We certainly didn't have mutterings - You do know about that sort of thing don't you? - and I'd have muttered yeah, yeah, not having a clue. and then we'd go back to talking about more important things like horses or school. But



mysterious things

When I was 12 the leavers at my prep school were invited to the headmaster's study, which was a big sign of adulthood because one's previous visits were invariably to get whacked with a cane. He told us very seriously that, if it hadn't already happened, something really rather hasn't been an awful lot of talk alarming might soon start hapabout sex. It would feel quite pening down below - it was ab-

the temptation to allow one's hands to stray in that general direction. What would actually happen if hands strayed there remained utterly mysterious. That was puzzling in itself-for me anyway. Even more puzzling was his warning that other boys might also show an interest and this was also to be

At public school we were comparatively ignorant about sex. Little scandals broke out involving homosexuality of a relatively mild kind - Wellington certainly wasn't a hotbed. As I grew older, sex impinged in an awkward, increasingly desperate way - the idea of actually having it seemed inconccivable until quite late. At the age of 18 women belonged to another

The way it affected me when I eventually got round to girlfriends was that suddenly having been nothing, sex became everything, a huge hurdle, a nightmare of social difficulty. The business of just talking, fancying and going to bed was not something I had come to terms with, so the whole thing became monumentally tricky. It rather overshadowed my years at Cambridge, where women had hardly been invented.

I don't regard my own experience of sex education as a terrible moral lesson as to what to avoid with my own children. My daughter says there was never any need for us to talk to her knew basically what happened. From an early age we answered she would be more likely to talk to my wife.

tougher to be a boy than to be a girl. It's difficult to get the balance right between being your own man yet not being a leering huffoon. As a good liberal one has to guard against the 'wahay' attitude with your son and the temptation to say 'for heaven's sake look out for those nasty boys' to your daughter.

My son's girlfriend quite often stays overnight with him here - they seem effortlessly and enviably to have avoided the back-seat-of-the-car, heavy petting parties stage of sexual development. But my daughter pointed out that if she shipped in some boy I would have a much less generous approach. I admit I would find that quite difficult to come to terms with, passing the Weetabix to some hulking skateboarder.

about sex because she always Phillip Hodson, Britain's first overblown descriptions of ortv and radio agony uncle, is the author of a number of any questions that she or her books on sex and relationbrother asked. My daughter ships; so is his wife, Anne wouldn't talk to me about sex: Hooper. He has two stepsons, now in their twenties, and a teenage son.

It is now incomparably All the boys sat in the back in biology. The teacher was telling us about rabbits and getting very red. Just as he was leaving he said with a grin, that's what humans do too. I got no other sex education at school, officially. The salvation was O-level

Art. All the best-looking girls nuisances at 11, goddesses at 13 - took art and they would chat about boyfriends and sex and we'd get bot under the collar. What I got from them was an understanding about how you felt about somebody, not just sexually but when you were in love. Then girls and boys started pairing off and we knew which couples had done it. I was

totally curious about that. When I was 15 a book mysteriously appeared by my bed called The Sex Factor in Margasm and mysterious drawings. It said you had to come together to have a proper orgasm. That book which I read from cover to cover, although, it appeared for one night only - made for a lot of confusion when I started going with my first girlfriend.

Phillip Hodson and his teenage son: at times we've been, I think, nicely outrageous

The sex education I received didn't teach me anything about the way people behave, and it didn't help me behave better. Above all I think I would have relationships with us as grownbenefited from seeing my parents in a more affectionate frame - I think that is one of the Neil Davidson, 42, cocritical areas of sex education. founded Working for Men, Yet I never saw them kiss or even touch.

I think we were able to break the cycle with our own children. They couldn't really avoid the subject because we were both on television and radio talking about it. We have also been fairly approachable about our own difficulties.

And at times we've been, I think, nicely outrageous, so a dirty joke, one of the boys in when the kids were teenagers our group said something which riage' which was full of they could say do stop being em- gave away the fact that he allowed it. My dad came into my off asking.

barrassing dad, do stop using those words. We were almost too liberal, there was almost a role reversal, particularly with our middle son. Making jokes got through some of the difficulties if we wanted to talk about wanking or whatever.

There was a real deficit when I set out on my romantic career. I don't think you could say the same of my children. All three - and their partners - have discussed their problems with ups - and that has included sex."

a training, research and consultancy organisation which produced the Family Planning Association's first major piece of research on sex education for boys in schools. He has one son,

Christy, 6 At school it just wasn't on to admit that you didn't know about sex. Once, when somebody told

didn't know the facts of life at 16. He went from being top dog to being crucified; we were

From the age of about 12, I felt very anxious about sex and wanted to know more. It wasn't just information - looking back



I needed to talk to somebody without being judged or put down, to be able to say I'm really scared, I just don't know what's going on. Everybody else has been doing it and I'm not and I don't know if I'm normal' - all those kind of things.

But there was no talking to adults. I wouldn't have wanted to talk to my parents because our relationship wouldn't have

16 and gave me a book savig. 'You might like to read this'. le never mentioned it again.

It affected me enormous, not talking about sex, how it fe, my fears and doubts. I want b do things differently with m own son, both specifically wit sex education and generally it the way I treat him. Every nov and again he asks a question are we have a discussion that la about 10 seconds, and if he's not interested we'll stop.

Occasionally I might get a bi embarrassed and laugh or gig gle - but he hasn't asked that many questions yet, and he doesn't do much of that giggling about bums and willies.

So far I haven't been fazed by it. But I could be if he asked about me or any relationship I might be having. If I was put in that situation I would say. I'll answer that tomorrow! when I feel more relaxed about it, and make sure I didn't let it slip. The last thing he needs is for me to react in a way that way would frighten him or put him;

REVELATIONS

The whole theatre was held. It was wonderful. I understood the possibility of the power of being an actor poetry, because the text describes the feel- understand that sense of desperation. Dur- feelings before. Shakespeare is all about son. I needed to start my studying in the

The time: 1968 The place: Derby The woman: Julia Watson - Baz Hayes in 'Casualty'



I was very lucky that my parents were keen theatre-goers, although not in the business themselves, and from the age of eight I was taken to virtually everything at Stratford-on-Avon. So I went through the wonderful Peter Hall and Trevor Nunn seasons. It was terribly exciting, I saw Judi Dench, and Ian Richardson was my great hero of those times. From when I was quite little, I'd always said that I wanted to be an actress. People would smile, and think

it was a phase I was going through. Although there was a lot of music and drama at my school, I decided at about 12 to join an amateur company called Derby Shakespeare Society, who took over Derby playhouse for two weeks every year. I worked backstage and played spear-carriers, until I was 15 and they cast me as Juliet. I was so excited; I'd never acted in a real theatre before. My dressing-room had a mirror with lights around it. Flowers on the first night. My dream come true.

Unfortunately I wasn't very good. The words became a barrier between me and the role. You can't speak them as normal with her father - not something I'd ever speech: they don't work if you ignore the had to do with my own father, but I could

have to have the emotion within yourself. could identify with Juliet, I'd not yet been in love in the way she had.

I'll never forget the first night, knowing that it was going fine but that there was a level I was missing. After Juliet weds Romeo in secret, there is a scene where her father demands that she marries Paris and she begs her mother and father not to make her go through with it. Something happened on stage at that moment; I suddenly found the emotional truth within the play. I learnt it, in a sense, from the audience. For the first time ever, I recognised a completely different quality of audience listening. The whole theatre was held; it was wonderful. I knew I had achieved that silence, and what I was doing was working. I understood the possibility of the power of being an actor.

I don't know why that scene unlocked the truth. Perhaps it was a child pleading

ings. What's most important is that you ing those strange, hormonal times of puberty and extreme emotions, one does Although as a 15-year-old adolescent I understand utter desperation. I was desperate to become an actress. Further into the run, I could find that truth in other scenes. I suppose I had recognised it from watching other actors achieve it on stage. Having this experience from the other side of the com with the audience absolutely motionless was crucial to my decision to become an actress. I knew I had potential and therefore had to further the journey. It happened for such a very short I imagined it, but it was such a precise. Damascene moment that I know it must have happened. My father's reaction to the play was that I was good in bits of it: "an honourable failure". My parents Becoming well known was never an am-

bition; it was always about the work itself. ing about doing this revelation. Until that was offered a backstage job, but they would A new season of 'Casualty' has just startmoment on stage I'd never tapped into my only keep me if I could do the whole sca-

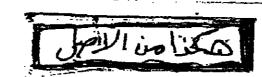
epic passions - so large they need the poetry to support them, otherwise they almost become indescribable and lose their reality. Grand emotions can be rather frightening, destructive and not acceptably expressible in real life; by acting them they're safely pocketed. It surprised me Juliet required. It was quite primitive, there is nothing middle class and held in about her raw love. Discovering my own depth and the dangerous edge of my emotions was very exciting. It was a good way to get space of time that sometimes I wonder if rid of the teenage frustrations that were banging around my body - and it was all approved by my parents!

I'm still very passionate about Shakespeare. I'm cross that this summer I haven't had a chance to see a production were very supportive but always honest. at the Globe. Although I always intended to go straight to the RSC from university and stay there for my whole life, I hadn't really explored my motivation for the irony is that I've never acted for them. becoming an actor until I started think- In my year out I applied to Stratford and

an usherette and was allowed in to watch rehearsals. They were fantastic. Instead of Shakespeare I've done much more modern work than I expected - perhaps that's my talent. I don't feel it is.

Tve auditioned for the RSC only twice that I could find the range of feelings that in my whole career, and yet I've done several plays at the National. I have begged my agent on countless occasions, written letters and bent many ears, wanting to join them. I don't know what it is; I just haven't captured their imagination. Success in something like Casualty isn't a barrier any more - Jane Gurnett, who played one of the nurses, has done a season. So it's not that they won't employ me because I'm too known as Baz Hayes. However, my career isn't over yet - perhaps I'm planning to give my Queen Margaret when I'm

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As Tracey Emin said to David Bowie: 'Come into my tent'

Tracey Emin is one of the artistic Sensations about to go on show Herry (9) have at the Royal Academy. David Bowie, pop star turned art writer, went to talk to her on behalf of 'Modern Painters' magazine. Between them they offer an A to M (or is it an N to Z?) of Young British Art.

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David Bowie: I think there are a lot of your particular generation who are now getting what we in the rock industry call a backlash. There's a feeling that you sit on your aurels, you haven't got much more to give apart from the first statement, the first shock or whatever, that there is no real ambition or desire among the YBAs to make art. It's more about going to parties and there being seen.

Tracey Emin: I think that comes through ignorance, because if people knew :: how hard we worked... This YBA thing is stupid. I'm a 34-year-old woman. And I haven't actually ever sacrificed anything in my life, but I've worked really hard at what I believe in. It's not a whim. It isn't just a little bit of a fashion thing. And when my work ceases to have currency, I'm not gonna stop doing it... At the moment I'd like to have a radio show. I don't see art as just a visual thing... If I did a radio show I would actually say how the format of the radio show is and the show would be more like

a kind of sound piece... DB: So how does only knowing half the alphabet feel? Which half do you prefer

TE: Well, I do know the whole alphabet except I can't actually put it in the right order... I didn't read [a book] until I was 7. And then from 17 I read a book a week until 1989, and the last major bulk reading that I did was esoterics, and then after that I stopped reading, basically. But I read occasionally.

DB: 1989 - would that be the period when you really started to discover your own style of work?

TE: No, 1989-90 was when I was pregnant and had an abortion and I stopped everything. I stopped art. I stopped reading. I stopped living. I smashed all my paintings up in 1988, and then I just threw a load in the skip in 1989, and then I destroyed everything in 1990.

DB: And when did you start working within an autobiographical genre?

TE: I've always worked in an autobiographical way.

DB: OK, but when it became more literary, like using your writing in your work.

TE: When I realised that I had some value, you mean? Well first of all, I've always written. I've always kept a diary since I was 14. I'm a prolific letter writer, the most obsessive letter writer, and in 1992 I did a philosophy course for two years, and that really sorted out a lot of things in my head regarding contemporary art, because previously all I could think about was like Edvard Munch and Byzantine frescos, Giotto and early Renaissance. My head had stopped working. There was nothing artis-tically that filled it up, and then after doing the modern philosophy course it kinda opened up a part of my mind which hadn't been explored before... it opened up a big space and I realised that anything could be art. It's the conviction and the belief behind what you do, the essence of where it's coming from so it's more like a conceptual idea. even though I don't make conceptual looking work...

DB: I saw a recent statistic that suggested that as many people go to galleries and art museums as go to rock shows

TE: Yes, but also with art it's such a recent thing - Britain's more literary based, but now it's becoming visually based as well. It's becoming more aesthetic with everything from furniture to fashion to nice looking, for example.

DB: I don't agree with you there. We are not primarily a literary-based nation. I think that it's a cliché that's been thrown around far too much. I think we're incredibly visually aware, actually. We always have been. I think that the history of British painting is extraordinary. Every century a great fist of brilliance has thrust through the old 16th-century repression. Always there has been a great painter... [On painting) Titian, who had parties and everything, was quite a socialite, but he had a serious approach to painting and doing a good job.

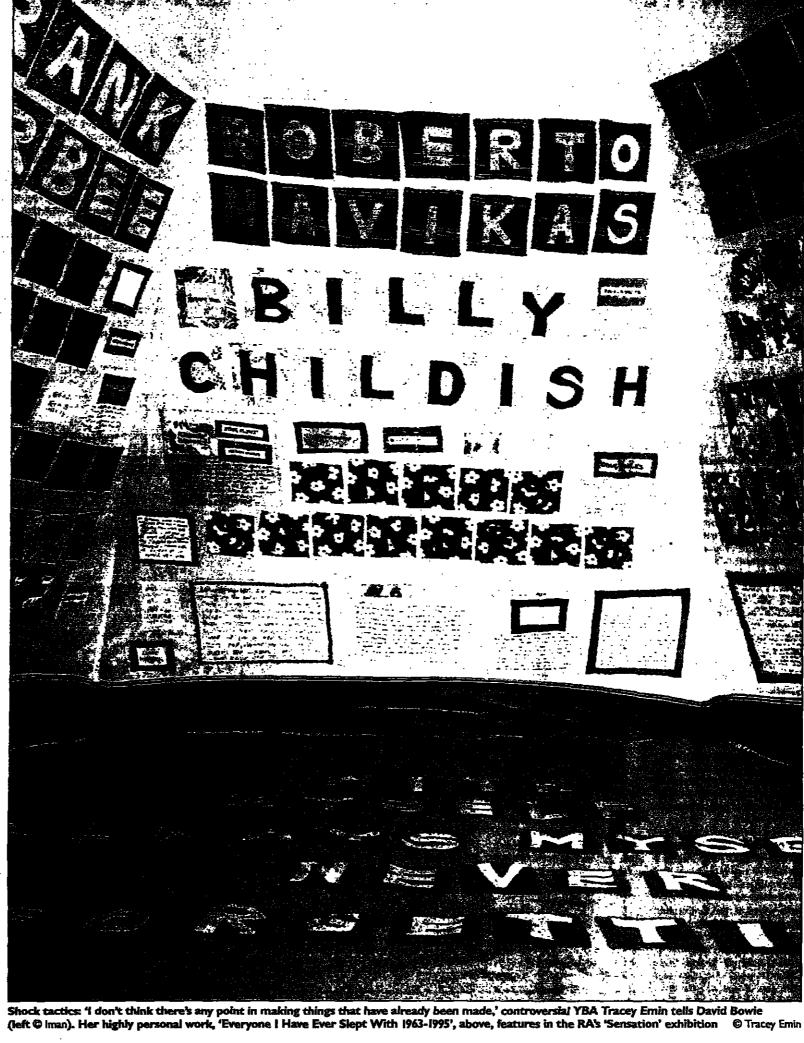
Not so much about expressing himself or... TE: Yes, but I've got friends who do that. They get up, they go to the studio, they do their work but they...

DB: They do extraordinarily accom-

plished paintings. TE: Yes, and they go home again. But it's not like that for me, and never has been. Basically, I don't think there's any point in making something which has already been made before.

DB: You put a high value on originality. TE: Yeah. DB: Why?

TE: Because it's the moment of



creating another kind of moment in his own

TE: For themselves, yeah, but not for the rest of the world.

DB: That's very general isn't it, because there is a world that also appreciates that kind of work, no?... more people flock to see a Turner or Vermeer show than say a Gilbert and George.

TE: The thing is that if you've got a message and you want it to be heard, you have to find a way of communicating which excites people, and for me it just wouldn't be worth doing what I did if I just re-created something which was done 50... I can paint really good Edvard Munch paintings. I can

DB: Is a more traditional artist not do really good Heckel woodcuts 'cause I did it as a student. But I'm not a student any more – well, we're all a student of life if you want to put it like that - but for me I have to be excited about what I'm doing,

I have to re-invent, re-create. DB: You sound a little bit dismissive of artists who don't work in what would be

called the original. TE: I'm sure a lot of them are a lot more dismissive towards me... I had to come to terms with my failure as an artist. And the artist I was trying to be was that traditionaltype artist, and I was just crap at it. I had find a way for myself. So what I'm talking about is personal experience... the biggest influence in my life is my life, like my ex-

perience - not what I do from day to day but how I make sense of the world or

DB: Fame in a frame. TE: Fame in a frame.

DB: Because, what your work is becoming, whether you like it or not, is a celebration of personality, because of its autobiographical hub, and because of its literary pursuit. Your work has been dragged out of the library, almost out of the area of memorabilia and autobiography into an art context or gallery-showing context, which is quite interesting. It doesn't have what some critics would call deeper context, it has a what-you-see-iswhat-you-get kind of honesty to it...

TE: There are people who spend all of their lives in the New Forest painting horses. They're not artists. They're picture makers. It's more like a craft, or a trade, or whatever, it's an industry of sorts.

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THIS THURSDAY: Tom Lubbock reviews 'Sensation'

MY FAVOURITE PICTURE

Craigie Aitchison on Andreas Mantegna's 'The Dead Christ'

The painter Craigie Aitchison was in and out of the news last week as one of the better known Royal From the Builder Academicians to have taken against 'Sensation' and particularly against the 'shock tactic' nature of so much of the work on show. We know then what sort of paintings he doesn't like: but what of those that he does? His selection of Andrea Mantegna's The Dead Christ begins an occasional series on favourite pictures chosen by prominent artísts.

> "I like it because it telis a story. I first saw it about three years ago but I'd had it in mind for years and years before that, in black and white I think, because I'd only ever seen it in a book. It's a wonderful reddy colour and terrifically drawn. I saw it really by chance. I'd gone to the museum with a friend and I didn't know it was in there but then I saw it and

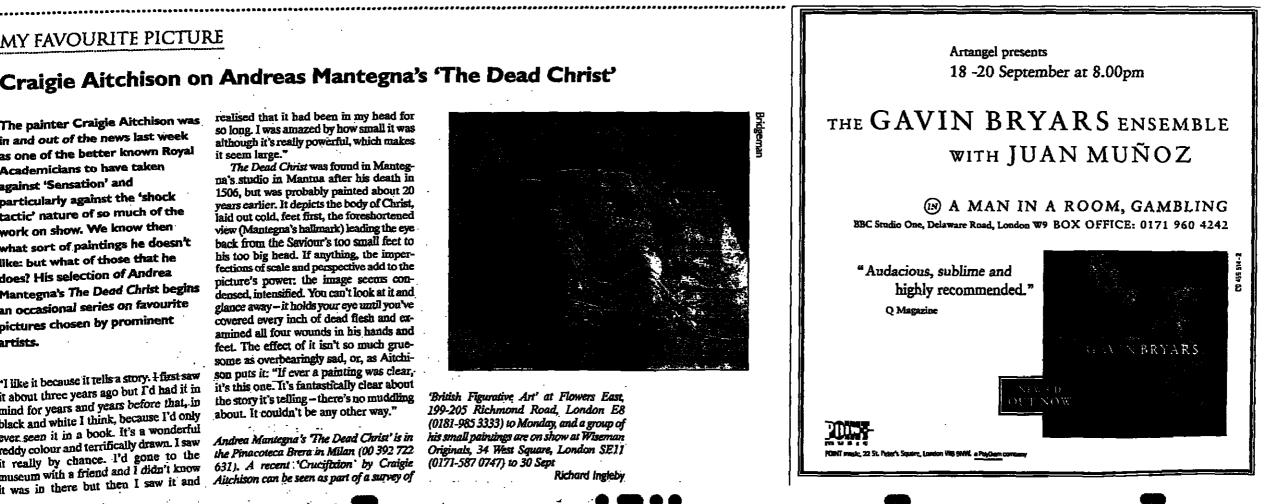
realised that it had been in my head for so long. I was amazed by how small it was although it's really powerful, which makes it seem large."

The Dead Christ was found in Mantegna's studio in Mantua after his death in 1506, but was probably painted about 20 years earlier. It depicts the body of Christ, laid out cold, feet first, the foreshortened view (Mantegna's hallmark) leading the eye back from the Saviour's too small feet to his too big head. If anything, the imperfections of scale and perspective add to the picture's power: the image seems condensed, intensified. You can't look at it and glance away - it holds your eye until you've covered every inch of dead flesh and examined all four wounds in his hands and feet. The effect of it isn't so much gruesome as overbearingly sad, or, as Aitchison puts it: "If ever a painting was clear, it's this one. It's fantastically clear about the story it's telling - there's no muddling about. It couldn't be any other way."

Andrea Mantegna's 'The Dead Christ' is in the Pinacoteca Brera in Milan (00 392 722 631). A recent 'Cruciftaion' by Craigie Auchison can be seen as part of a survey of



British Figurative Art' at Flowers East, 199-205 Richmond Road, London E8 (0181-985 3333) to Monday, and a group of his small paintings are on show at Wiseman Originals, 34 West Square, London SE11 (0171-587 0747) to 30 Sept



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Ideal, no. Hopeful, maybe. Start talking, Mr Trimble



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What an outbreak of coyness there was yesterday in Belfast. There was Gerry Adams, simpering like a pupil at Madame's dancing academy. Yes, I would dearly like a Unionist partner for the Mitchell quadrille, and no, those nasty, wicked men with their guns and balaclavas, nothing to do with political me. And there was David Trimble, behaving like a pushme, pull-you. Pushed in the morning by the joint British-Irish government statement on the talks, he pulled back later, only to push again in further conversations with Senator Mitchell, making it appear only a matter of time before he too took his partners into the Stormont waltz.

But each of these characters knows very well that talking about the future of Northern Ireland is no light matter: lives and livelihoods depend on the talks continuing, let alone on their moving to some fruitful outcome. Yet it is hard sometimes to keep an entirely straight face as the protagonists pirouette and stretch, ever anxious to present una bella figura to their domestic party audiences while appearing statesmanlike and mature when the eyes and cameras of the world are upon them.

No one should pretend there is some kind of moral equality or political equivalence between Sinn Fein and the Ulster Unionists, strive as Gerry Adams and Martin McGuinness do to present themselves as coevals. They have been admitted to the talks on sufferance and on trial, because it has to be recognised that they do represent a shard of Irish opinion and a force to be reckoned with. The gamble of any talks process is that they are capable of real negotiation. There is enough hope and some hard evidence to make it a gamble worth taking.

And that is why David Trimble's continuing absence is a mistake, and a matter for regret. As long as he is not there he allows the Republicans to put themselves forward as good-faith negotiators. But making the extremist Irish nationalists look good is only one of the reasons why the Ulster Unionists should bite the bullet and decamp to Stormont. Let us briefly rehearse why they should be planting themselves in those empty chairs as soon as prickly pride allows them.

Yesterday's British-Irish government statement did represent a concession. To that extent it changed the environment within which these talks are to take place. Mr Trimble and his party colleagues are obliged to respond. The text of the joint declaration is worth close exegesis. It says the two governments would "like to see" decommissioning taking place during the talks. That's a watery phrase, to be sure, but it contains a nugget. It is not just that the unionists are being empowered to ask – a week, a month into talks, as agenda items are taken - for the signs of arms being given up. Rather, they are being invited to ask the respective governments

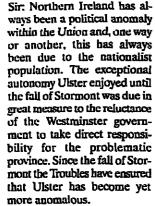
to produce evidence of disarmament. This puts Bertie Ahern, in particular, on the spot. He has hereby given a hostage to fortune, by implicitly committing the prestige of the Irish state to discovering signs of extremist disengagement. But is it naive even to talk positively about decommissioning, given the statement made by the IRA in Dublin in their propaganda sheet last week? The terrorists, it is said, will not give up their weapons now, or, by implication, at any point short of a settlement acceptable to the IRA. Since the IRA's ostensible ambitions for the island of Ireland involve a decimation of the population, authoritarian rule, and a return to the economic Dark Ages, "never" may be the most appropriate word here. And yet. The extremist republican movement is not a monolith; the political leadership does possess some powers. of persuasion; the killers and bombers depend, to some extent, upon propitious political circumstances to replenish their

ranks. Nationalist movements do change. A newish term of art in Northern Ireland is "confidence-building". It has a warm ring to it, implying trust grows spontaneously as people meet and talk together. In fact it is a phrase borrowed from the lexicon of the Cold War where it had everything to do with verifiability and nothing to do with vodka-fuelled evenings in a Berlin bierkeller. David Trimble is thus entitled to say that his confidence will not depend on seeing the visages of Messrs Adams and McGuinness around a table but on the numbers of Armalite rifles destroyed by the Garda and the RUC. What he has to decide this week is whether the talks process is more or less likely to lead to that kind of confidencebuilding. It would be naive to be any more than cautious about the prospect. But as long as there is a finite calculation to be made which says peace, durable or temporary, is more likely as long as the talking goes on, Mr Trimble owes his party and his province nothing short of dogged attendance at Senator Mitchell's deal table.

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LETTERS



These imperfections in the Union have been consistently remarked upon and yet never resolved. Britain promises more than it can deliver, Ulster fears it will end up with even less. Britain insists the Union is intact, Unionists know it is not. Perhaps it is time for us all to come clean in an attempt to get this relationship on a clear and sustainable basis once and

The ties of culture and kinship between Ulster and the rest of the UK are strong and enduring. The question is only form the co nection should take. There has never been a perfect Union and there cannot be. Northern Ireland is too complicated for that. It is within the context then of an imperfect Union that Unionists need to realise the twin aims of fostering the link to the UK and living peaceably with their neighbours.

Practical security for Unionists must come before the chimera of a perfect Union clinging to that in fact only exacerbates its current agonies. It is time to do a deal. NICK MARTIN-CLARK London N8

Sir: Nothing could be further from the truth than the suggestion ("Greenham women celebrate the final victory with garden shears and muscle power". 15 September) that the removal of the Greenham Common fence marks "a final victory for peace campaigners" - unless, by peace campaigners, he really means Nato.

When President Ronald Reagan proposed the Zero Option in 1981, CND and Greenham protestors rejected it. They vowed first to prevent cruise missiles being deployed at the base, and then to prevent them from leaving the base in

convoy patrols after they were duly deployed on schedule in 1983. The unilateralists utter-

ly failed to achieve their aims. By contrast, Nato's Zero Option objective was to achieve the elimination of the cruise missiles in return for Soviet destruction of hundreds of SS20 missiles targeted against Western Europe. This was precisely what Nato achieved in its 1987 deal with the Kremlin, following the successful deployment of cruise, despite all the protesters' predictions to the contrary. You should not give them credit for the beneficial consequences of their total defeat.

Dr JULIAN LEWIS MP (Con, New Forest East) House of Commons London SW7

Sir: All who have been victims in various ways of the BSE epidemic are entitled to know the range of circumstances which lead to the outbreak and how it got out of control. MAFF officials have for years behaved patronisingly by implying that they already knew all the facts and the relevant background.

Charles Arthur's article "Top scientist urges inquiry into BSE saga", 13 September) draws attention to the open letter published in the New Statesman calling for a judicial inquiry into the BSE sagas. A Maff spokesman responded to Professor Colin Blakemore's muchpublicised support for the letter with the threadbare mantra that it had acted on the best scientific advice at the time and that an inquiry would elicit nothing but easy hindsight. Some signatories know of plenty of important evidence, where clear foresights, by

a range of suitably qualified people, were ignored, or lost in bureaucratic turmoil. It could too easily happen again if the same

into context with other issues by a judicial inquiry. Its report would, relatively quickly, contribute to a much more resilient Food Standards Agency. Dr A G DICKINSON Lasswade, Midlothian

Sir: Reading John Willcock's article on franchise reform of the Corporation of London ("City's ancient institution votes itself into the democratic era", 12 September), many will feel that, after so many years under the threat of abolition by a Labour government, those who run the City are getting off rather lightly if all they have to consult about is increasing the number of husiness votes and changing the tenure of alder-men. What is perhaps more salient to the reform of practices which have developed within this backwater of local

administration is the need for

All of this would be brought it to behave respectably towards its own workforce. Alone of local authorities.

> the corporation refuses to consult with the national trade union for local government staff, preferring its own em-ployees' club which it has invested with the trappings and the means of a lame, in-house staff association. Despite a sizeable membership among corporation staff, it refuses to acknowledge the union's existence, to the point of misinforming its recruits that only its own staff club is available to those who wish to keep trade union membership, and to the extent that the only circumstance which will force it to deal with us is when we take issue

with it through the courts. At a time when the business community in the City is tidying up its act in respect of its local government, there appears to be no move towards this basic enfranchisement of the workforce on which it depends for its public services. MALCOLM KEY Branch Secretary

Unison London EC3

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Sir: The problems of conservation and eco-tourism (report, 15 September) arise because of Western definitions of conservation which presume the separation of humans from nature.

The image of exotic expanses of African wilderness without human inhabitants is a myth created by Western conservationists. Protected areas in Africa often entail the forceful eviction of the indigenous population without provision for alternative livlihoods. In this context, why shouldn't conservation be redefined as "the sustainable use of natural re-

sources by local communities"?

Your article is right; conser-

breed chicks hatched, whether

vation is a legacy of colonialism.

It is easy for us in the West to

advocate protected areas, since

it is never us who are thrown out

of our homes. And it is as

tourists that we enjoy the ma-

jority of the benefits. No won-

der tourist companies put so

much money into conservation,

very little of which gets to those

who have suffered because of it.

MIKE SANSOM

PRIESTLEY

Sir: Nicholas Schoon (report, 11-September) states that that all female chicks hatched from breeding stock which provides the meat chickens we eat are destoyed at hatching. All meat male or female, are grown as meat chickens for consumption.

PETER BRADNOCK Chief Executive British Poultry Meat

Sir: The blitz visit of Madeleine Albright, the US Secretary of State, to Jerusalem and Ramallah ("Hard decisions needed in Mid-East, says Albright", 13 September) dashed the hope Palestinians held of her putting the peace process back on track

Instead of the spectacular political coup people expected from the "hard-hitting" secretary, she made statements that she could have made back home in Washington. She had time to visit Jewish survivors of recent suicide bombings, but not the slums of Gaza which years of Israeli occupation left/ behind and not the miserable living conditions caused by Benjamin Netanyahu's oppressive policy. She acted as though she was afraid of entering a labyrinth from which she would not be able to escape.

Mrs Albright's call to Mr Netanyahu and Yasser Arafat to make "hard decisions" before she returns on the scene is as caring/as a referee walking

out of a boxing ring... Isn't it time for the US to make its own hard decisions and to assume the responsible role of a peacemaker, not just a peace facilitator. Short of direct and forceful involvement by the US, the unstoppable Mr. Netanyahu will win his endgame and scuttle the Oslo Agreement and with it the elusive peace in the Middle East which three years ago the world saw within sight.

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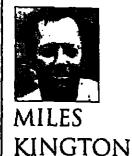
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Six: We have overlooked the fact that most of the public life of the Royal Family is spent in supporting charities in a variety of ways - by patronage, opening events to raise money, and visits to hospitals and in-

stitutions all over the world. The difference in style and pproach from Princess Diana, of which much has been made. is to some extent at least due to " protocol, the Constitution, and tradition, and to the general demand for the security of the sov-

ereign and her family. Maybe if the Queen and other members of the royal family were to have the misfortune of being photographed . 🐫 in swimsuits, they would attract. better publicity? The Rev C W CARR

When it comes to transplanted roots, the Ukrainians know a thing or two



"All right, can you tell where I'm from by my accent?" said the fiancie down the table. My wife and I were staying

in July at this Vermont hotel at Craftsbury Common, which was so small that all the people having dinner sat at the same table and were forced to talk to each other. Our company this evening included a Ukrainian/ Canadian dentist, a French-Canadian orthodontist, and an engaged couple from the US. The Ukrainian had been claiming that you could tell where people came from by their accent. He had already successfully identified my wife and me as British, which was not a hard trick to do. The Americans

that you could always identify a Canadian by the way he said a certain word - I have forgotten which it is now, but I think it was "across" - and so the Canadians at table were forced to say this word, and sure enough the Americans hooted

with laughter. "There is a famous TV newsreader in the United States who is Canadian," said an American, "and every time he uses that word, the whole of America sits up in their chair and shouts 'Canadian!'. "

The Canadians then pointed out that almost everything the Americans took pride in as American, from Jim Carrey to Pamela Anderson, really came

from Canada: and then the

fiancée down the table said:" All right, can you tell where I'm from by my accent?" "New York," said Ukrainian/Canadian.

"From my accent?" she said. looking pleased. "No." he said, "I knew you were from New York because

you were so loud." Howls of merriment from all present, except for the engaged couple. She looked discomfit-

ed and he sprang to her defence. "Hey, look," he said." You gotta be loud if you live in New York. How else you gonna get by? If you're in a grocery store and the guy says "Next?" - then you move! You don't speak up, you don't get served. I've known people get to the front

of the line and then start tast- erable. He was clearly quite I aim to go there." I had never ing the different cheeses to see which one they like, for God's sake! How's anyone going to get served if we all do that?"

Looking back, I see that the whole conversation wasn't really about accents, it was about roots, and how important they were. Another American pair we met at that hotel had come all the way from France, where they owned a château/hotel. They were well rooted in France, but the reason they had come to this plush part of Vermont was to bring their teenage

tennis camp called Windyridge. "We want him to grow up an American boy, not French," she told us. The boy looked mis-

son to a well-known summer

happy growing up half-French back home, and here his mother was, trying to implant her own roots in him.

Yes, it's a funny old business, roots. We need them so much that we even fake them, if what they say about Alex Haley is true. But it's commoner to take them with you, as did Harry Miller. He was the father of a builder we stopped to talk to in the same Vermont village.

"My father left England to come here," said the son of Harry Miller, "and he's never been back, but I can tell you exactly where he came from. It was a small town in Northumberland called Rothbury, in the valley of the river Coquet, and one day

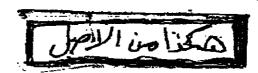
heard of Rothbury or the Coquet, which sounded far too French a name to be Northumbrian, but sure enough there it is on the map, and if anyone reading this in Rothbury remembers Harry Miller, I can

give you a forwarding address. But the most touching example of transplanted roots 1 saw on that trip was hundreds of miles away, in the open countryside near Toronto, where a huge wooden church stands in open farmland. This church expatriate Ukrainians including perhaps the dentist, or even Greg Rusedski's parents - have built for themselves, in the old onion-dome East European style but in new, shining wood. And outside was a notice which was so other-worldly that I copied it down word for word. Here it is:

Portchester, Hampshire

"UKRAINIAN CHURCH. This church is founded in honour and memory of the holy glorious prophet Elias. In the reign of Her Majesty Elizabeth II, Queen of Canada, in the episcopacy of his Grace Isidore, Bishop of Toronto. In the year of the world 7502 and from the nativity in the Flesh of God the word 1994, July 18. OS."

No, I'm not sure what it all means either, but I do know that if Ukrainians really think the year 7502 is the right date, then Ukraine is going to be a good place to go to get away from the millennium.



A modern monarchy, in seven easy stages

Step one: The Queen retires at the end of this year. I write "retires" rather than "abdicates" to mark how natural such a decision would be. The Queen has passed 70. She has done the job for 45 years. Fresh decisions have to be taken about the future of the monarchy as an institution; decisions that would be handled more appropriately by the next generation. If the matter is discussed as abdication, we unfortunately leave in play vestiges of the antique notion of a divine right to rule.

Step two: Prince Charles succeeds as king. We all think we "know" Prince Charles pretty well, in the same sense that we "knew" Princess Diana. We see an intelligent, sensitive man who has long prepared for the task. The real Charles is the Charles of the Prince's Trust No precedent has been available to guide him in setting up one of the most imaginative and successful charitable enterprises in the country. That is his work, and his impressive achievement; it is a good clue to what sort of king he would

We must accept, though, that Charles cannot now escape his upbringing. If you are brought up in the Royal Family, you live outside normal society. You are at once pampered and distigured. Having an imaginative understanding of ordinary people is diffi-cult. Compare President Mary Robinson of Ireland with any royal person.

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Step two means that the Crown would not pass, as some would like, from the present Queen over Charles and on to Prince William. Even in a few years' time, William, with his father and perhaps his grandmother still alive, would too easily appear a sort of proxy king. He would be implausibly young. Of course the Queen herself was in her twenties when she began her reign, and Churchill delighted in being the courtly, grandfatherly Prime Minister. But that is history, not contemporary life. You can be too young as well as too old to be an effective monarch.

Step three: This is crucial. The Royal Family becomes a small Royal family. It comprises simply King Charles. William as heir to the throne and his brother Harry, as next in line. As well as the Queen, the rest of the Royal Family, including the Queen Mother. also retire. Or, to put it more bluntly, they leave public life and become private citizens, with their titles if they wish, and they feed, water and house themselves at their own

The larger the group of Royals, the more vulnerable it has been to attack. The Royals are ordinary people, compelled to carry out formal duties, which they mostly do by: going through the motions. For example, a princess comes to the Royal Opera House funded by the state without stint. It has an for some charitable performance. In the terval she joins other guests of the chairman of the Opera House. Who shall be brought up to speak to her? Knowing her reputation for haughtiness, many refuse to be conscripted. The interlude has become embarrassing.

Step four: If Prince Charles and Camilla Parker Bowles wish to marry, they should do so. The more normal Charles's life, the more effective he would be as monarch. Why leave any important issue unresolved?

I do not mean by this that Mrs Parker Bowles should become Queen: that does not feel right. We must start using titles with more care (which means no more Duchesses of York). Nor should Mrs Parker Bowles be given any lesser courtesy title. No: we would read sometimes in news reports that, say, "The King and Mrs Parker Bowles monarchy.



ANDREAS MHITTAM **SMITH** ON ROYALTY

(or Mrs Windsor) visited Liverpool today ... Step five: There is a coronation ceremony designed clearly to re-state the role of the monarchy. In planning this, the book of recedent should remain firmly closed. The aristocracy, the hereditary officeholders, the heralds, the pages, all should be forgotten. There should be less pomp at the state opening of Parliament, which itself should be considerably revised. Likewise, the form of the ancient religious service should be disregarded. The one useful example for the coronation planners is very recent: Princess Diana's funeral. The Court, 10 Downing Street, and the Church of England working together quickly devised a ceremony and religious service which was appropri-

fying. I have heard no criticism of it. In a 1998 coronation, continuity with the past could be secured by using Westminster Abbey and by the actual crowning. The religious element, which I assume is still felt important by a sufficient proportion of the population, should encompass the nation's main faiths, non-Christian as well as Christian. Charles has indicated that he wishes to be defender of all faiths. Invitations to the ceremony should reflect national life in all its diversity. But let us avoid calling it a "people's" coronation; this acronym will

ate, dignified, essentially simple and satis-

soon begin to grate. Step six: The privacy of the small Royal Family is protected by law. Countries everywhere, whether monarchies or republics, have conventions, rules, regulations or legislation which guard the standing of the head of state. In our present circumstances, and with a small Royal family as I have described, a Royal Privacy Law would

Step seven: The small Royal family is exceedingly important job to do. Nobody can begrudge the means. This need not be onerous, because the whole operation would fit into one palace, Buckingham Palace. There would be one Royal Household, one private office, one press relations unit.

By these steps the monarchy could remake itself, and perhaps enjoy another long lease of life. The issue is not whether it might evolve into something similar to the Dutch and Scandinavian monarchies. Under the above plan it could become, in its way, as quintessentially British as the old system. There is no serious obstacle. The Crown has been at the disposal of Parliament since the 17th century. A country which has just restored a proper assembly to Scotland after a gap of nearly 300 years could surely now move on to reform and re-invigorate its

When it comes to mammaries, we'd really rather they were real

Fed up with life? Low self-esteem? Here's a foolproof remedy: take two half-pound bags of goo, slice open your chest, and insert them. Apparently, it

will change your life. Big, bogus breasts are everywhere, it seems, promising success, increased attractiveness and self-fulfilment. The Wonderbra started it, enhancing cleavages on every billboard. Now we are busting out with the pneumatic Melinda Messenger and an increasing list of celebrities - Demi Moore, Pamela Anderson, Paula Yates, Melanic Griffiths - not just bearing manufactured mammaries, but proud to admit it.



JOJO MOYES ON BOGUS BREASTS

Inflated breasts have become the new symbol of selfreinvention. "My new breasts changed my life," blare the headlines, while magazine back pages swell with ads for cosmetic surgeons. But their role as objects of fascination stems not just from their obvious sexual properties: we want to know about the criminal who spent her haul on them ("Black Widow Busts out with £6,000 Boob Job"), the clerk who begged to be made redundant so she could afford them ("From Bank Job to Boob Job"), lottery winners who spend their winnings on them

Perhaps it is not surprising that in this breast-obsessed climate, demand for cosmetic surgery is said to have tripled in the last three years, with an estimated 65,000 people a year now venturing under the surgeon's knife, 55 per cent of them for breast enlargement. Banks and building societies report an increasing trade in personal loans to facilitate the operation. Hurrah! Now everyone can have big breasts! But who are they actually for?

("National Whoppery").

The popular view is that it is men who drive the demand for huge breasts; they helped create the Page 3 girl, a creation generally unloved by the rest of



Anderson, Melinda Messenger, and Demi Moore

womankind. It is they who, the large-chested complain, fail to con-

But ask any man contact with an implanted breast whether he liked it.

and more often than not the words thrown back are along the lines of "weird", "offputting" and, indeed, "repellent". In July, even Sun readers tar of mammary worship. Eighty two per cent of readers voted that models with breast enlargement should be barred, in favour of the unenhanced. The only men who can undeniably be said to profit are the plastic surgeons (and usually they are men).

These breasts are not for children - the nurturing of which, lest we forget, is their primary purpose. Although it is usually claimed that breast implants will not interfere with breastfeeding, this is not the case if (as is a risk with any or milk ducts are affected.

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cite both on his own leadership

The silicone breast is an icon verse with them at eye of our time: the ultimate in short-termism, the ultimate who has actually had in style over content

No, women who choose to submit themselves to the scalpel say the implants are for them, to make them feel more "confident", more "feminine", voted to have silicone breasts so they can hold their own removed from Page 3, that al- against other women. Big ture? breasts, they say, equal power. One woman interviewed last week ("My new breasts changed my life") said the only women who tried to deter her

"were those with a full bust". But women generally do not envy the inflated; more often they just feel a sense of awe that someone could go through with it, And who makes them feel inadequate? As a girl, I never witnessed locker-room scenes of "Mine are bigger than yours" taunting - indeed, most women with really large breasts spent their adolescence breast surgery) glandular tissue trying to disguise them, and now complain of the discomfort

sciousness ... An operation is a statement which proclaims that a woman feels inadequate about her appearance." Reconstructive surgery

tion, he said, because women

were desperately unhappy. "It

is not about vanity, but self-con-

aside, these women need to conform to a modern ideal; they look at Melinda, or Demi, and translate a difference in breast size into a difference in worthiness. But breast size does not denote attractiveness: Kate Moss is a beauty icon of our time, small-breasted and comfortable in her own skin. I once knew a former Playboy bunny with breasts - her own admis sion - like two fried eggs. Men genuflected in her presence.

Beauty has more to do with confidence than cup size. And in an age where we are increasingly aware of toxins, and monitor scrupulously what we out in our mouths and lungs, it seems bizarre that women are voluntarily cutting themselves open to insert foreign substances into their bodies, closing their eyes to the possibility of any long-term problems.

But perhaps that is the point. Because the silicone, oil-based, saline, or Hydrogel breast is the ultimate icon of our time. It is the ultimate in shorttermism, the ultimate in style over content.

Women who have had implants don't want to hear about potential side-effects in the future: they want to feel better about themselves now. They don't care if it feels a bit different; they just care that it should look perfect. If they lose a bit of sensation, have trouble breastfeeding or suffer the odd sleepless night from fear, isn't that a small price to pay?

Strippers demonstrate perhaps the most honest application. They have breast implants to increase their worth as a commodity. They look better, therefore the rewards are greater. Everything else is unimportant. And that is the saddest thing. Where our deepest associations with the natural breast were those of comfort, pleasure and sensuality, the unnatural one has perverted all that: it is about nothing but appearance.

In the rush to meet a modern ideal, we are left with something closer to the stripper's art; look, don't touch. Perhaps it is time to adopt a slogan from the boys' tray. Size isn't

He performed the operaeverything, girls.

and excessive attention which they elicit.

Much of it is circu-

lar, to do with the

prevalence of big-

breasted images in our

culture today. Would

these women feel in-

adequate if they were

living in the flapper-led

Twenties, or the Sixties, when

the ironing-board body of Twig-

gy was the height of fashion?

And how will these women

feel if flat-chestedness becomes

the desirable outline of the fu-

Professor David Sharpe.

president of the British Asso-

ciation of Aesthetic Plastic Sur-

geons, acknowledged this last

month when he said that his

reservation about implants was

not about silicone "but that

women who have small breasts

are somehow seen as less at-

tractive. That is an indictment

Hague needs to start an argument within his own ranks

Being leader of the Opposition can be a miserable job at the best of times. When the defeat has been as comprehensive as the one in May, when the Government's honeymoon is as long as Tony Blair's, when gurus such as the philosopher John Gray are telling anyone who will listen that Conservatism is good and dead, and when one of your prominent ex-MPs has just defected, these are not the best of times. For a lot of this, William Hague cannot remotely be blamed. A combination of Nelson Mandela, Margaret Thatcher and Winston Churchill would be finding leadership difficult under these circumstances. And no. Tories have not yet started driving round with "Don't blame me, I voted for Kenneth Clarke" bumper stickers on their cars. There are nevertheless some convincing signs that Hague is making a bad situation worse.

It was not smart for Hague to complain, in his rather uneasy interview with Sir David Prost on Sunday, that the Government had made party political capital out of its role in the funeral arrangements for Diana, Princess of Wales. Even if it were true, and even if it didn't look a rather petty case ample shows. Michael Ancram of crying foul after the game is over, public opinion was so obviously on the Government's ister, but was it really sensible. people have expressed their



DONALD MACINTYRE ON THE WAY FORWARD FOR THE TORIES

side that it was never going to be a persuasive case to run. For the public, in their innocence, the arcane protocol surrounding what can and cannot be said by politicians about their dealings with the Royal Family is probably part of the problem rather than part of the solution.

That would matter less if it were the only case of bad advice, bad judgement, or both. But it isn't, as a suggestive exwas an intelligent and professional Northern Ireland min-

Marquess of Lothian and an expatriate Scot who now sits for Devizes to handle devolution and Lords reform? Michael Ancram is influential on Hague's handling of the coustitution. And that bandling has not exactly shown the surest of touches. Perhaps it would have been unwise - and a betrayal of the Unionist rump of the Scottish Tory party - to switch policy on devolution after the general election. There was nothing discreditable about campaigning against Home Rule. But to say, in a considered statement the morning after the result, that it had been "a sad night for Scotland", and then, three days later in his BBC interview with Sir David Frost, that the Scots had had the "wool pulled over their eyes", is just crass. Hague's grudging and patronising remarks may have been hedged by a promise to "respect" the referendum result, but they were still a breach of the excellent working principle in democratic politics, that the customer is always right. Here, after all, is the best possible opportunity the Scottish Tories have to rebuild their crumbling

base. The very least he should

have said is: "We fought a fair

fight but we lost. The Scottish

to pick the heir to the 12th will in the clearest possible IV debate helped Blair. The platform of EU renegotiation, terms. We now have the exciting task of playing as full a part as possible in making the new parliament work in the inter-

ests of Scotland." This example illustrates a wider question: how fully has Hague grasped the scale of the defeat? He boasted in his weekend interview that the party had never been as united as at present. This will prove a hollow boast, as he must know, if the pace quickens on Europe. It is increasingly possible that the 1999 European elections - during which Hague will need to improve the Tories' showing will be fought on the issue of EMU. Eager to maintain his influence within Europe, without joining EMU in the first wave, Blair may well announce that he intends to join as soon as possible thereafter. He could even call a referendum at the same time as the European elections. Some Tory beavyweights, including Ken Clarke and Michael Heseltine, a clutch of MEPs and quite a few on the front bench, will back the Government - along with many business leaders.

But the more immediate point is that the Tories have never less needed unity than now, indeed, a spate of real controversy within the party might help him, as the Clause

and his plans for some centralising reforms of party organisation has provoked some grass-roots grumbling. It will go through - but the most catastrophic mistake the Tory party could now make is to assume that its problems in the 1997 election were primarily organisational. One complaint against Hague from quite senior ranks in the party is that he seems much more comfortable on the topic of organisation on which he has at hand the professional skills of the Asda chairman Archie Norman than on the overall direction of the party's thinking. He is right, of course, to believe that the last thing the Tories need now is a raft of detailed policies. Opposition, especially long-haul, two-term opposition, isn't about that. But he will never have a better opportunity than now to trigger a debate about ideas within the party. Should Conservatism opt for an English parliament? Should it go greener than Labour? Should it advocate compulsory arbitration on pay in the public services? Is it sensible for the Shadow Foreign Secretary Michael Howard to pursue his

al? At the moment the party seems perversely stuck to its pre-election positions. Clarke, who was said to be too much of an old-stager, still looks the more modern politician. Hague should not panic. But he should listen to a much wider circle than that of his belligerent lieutenant Alan Duncan about when to pick fights with the Government and when

under the threat of withdraw-

not to. He will also need to face up to a mid-term purge of some of the retreads from the previous government. The summer has made it much more probable that both Michael Portillo and Chris Patten will return to British polities. Patten is being heavily pressed to come back by some senior figures on the Tory centre left. (One of them, John Major, recently spent some time with Patten on holiday at Tristan Garel-Jones's house in Spain.) But Patten is still besitating, not least, it is said, because of uncertainty over how to oppose free-market, one-nation Blairism. Hague said on Sunday that he would welcome both with "open arms". But he needs to put a much more convincing stamp on the party at next month's conference, if he is not to risk being overshadowed by quaint notion that the next election will be fought on a the best of his own colleagues.



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Aldo Rossi



Aldo Rossi, Italian architect and writer: born Milan 3 May 1931; married (one son, one daughter); died Milan 4 September 1997.

A tower of fresh yellow planking, banded in blue with an octagon pyramid roof and a little weathervane. Aldo Rossi's and reality of cities. He drew on Teatro del Mondo was built at Fusina in 1980 as part of the Architecture Biennale, Towed into Venice on barges and moored by the Punto della Do- capable of analysis by common gana, it made a memorable

and much-reproduced image. The 1980 Biennale, the first of its kind, was called "The Presence of the Past" and marked a significant shift in Western at Venice University, and "type" architecture away from the pre- became an analytical and poetic architecture."

ideas of the previous 15 years the Teatro and the temporary entrance at the Arsenale.

Born in 1931, Rossi graduated in Milan in 1959, having spent time in Russia in the 1950s and found Stalinist classicism beautiful as well as popular. Neither was he afraid of the association of his work with Fascist architecture, for, as Vincent Scully wrote, "He is better at it than the Fascist architects were. He regains the tradition more vitally because he is opcrating through memory rather than ideology."

the City, written around 1960, published in Italy in 1966 and translated into English in 1980. showed how "naïve functionalism" had neglected the beauty the theories of the Enlightenment to argue that all cities were ordered and structured entities, individual in certain respects but

The idea of typology, an essential and unvarying form related to use, had been developed among Rossi's colleagues sumptions of modernism. As device, characterised in practice

ed in the catalogue, Robert the forms of classical buildings. Venturi's "complexity" and This idea has proved immensely Rossi's "typology" were leading powerful and can be seen in his A Scientific Autobiography demonstrated in the IBA housand Rossi was well chosen to ing developments in Berlin of charm that, like The Architecture provide its public face with the 1980s, where Rossi was a of the City, has remained con- in 1990. prize-winning architect, and in the more recent rebuilding campaigns in Paris, where he evoked a section of the Rue de Rivoli with a pavement colonnade and curved zinc roof in a

residential block at La Villette

of 1991.

This movement was known as the "tendenza", or Neo-Rationalism, after Rossi's manifesto of 1973, Architettura Razionale, for an exhibition at the 15th Milan Triennale, evoking its precursor of the same name 40 years before. The Rossi's The Architecture of rationalism was not constructional or functional, but Platonic, intended to evoke the empty spaces of dreams and memories found in the paintings of Giorgio di Chirico. Manfredo Tafuri described it as "a search that led to a liberation from fixed contexts and a movement towards a horizon where private and collected pasts merged". In this search, Rossi was "the only 'school leader' capable of constantly fuelling around his own works and self a controversy and an interest that ended by

Rossi's own response to

affecting the very concept of

beach huts of Elba and bright (1981). It is a work of magical stantly in print.

He wrote, "I have always claimed that places are stronger than people", and in his first major work, the Gallaratese Housing outside Milan (1969-73), he transformed the memory of a section of city, standing on in suburban isolation, with long colonnades of thin rectangular piers, evoking the drawings of the French revolutionary architect Boullée, whose treatise on art Rossi translated into

His imagination was perhaps more appropriately deployed at the San Cattaldo Cemetery, Modena (1971-84), with its startling burnt-sienna cuboid Ossuary. Less imposing, reconstruction of the city. He although still glacially disciplined, was his Secondary School at Broni, 1979. Other ex- not the concordance of disecuted works in Italy include the Town Hall at Borgoricco, 1983, and Casa Aurora offices, Turin, 1984-87, with his characteristic large, smooth, coloured forms.

In later years Rossi's practice became increasingly international with a hotel in Fukuoka, Japan, 1988, the School of Ar-recovery. He died as the result chitecture at the University of of another crash near his home Miami and Disney Corporation in Milan. Offices at Celebration, Florida,

when they were buried on 13

month for crimes against hu-

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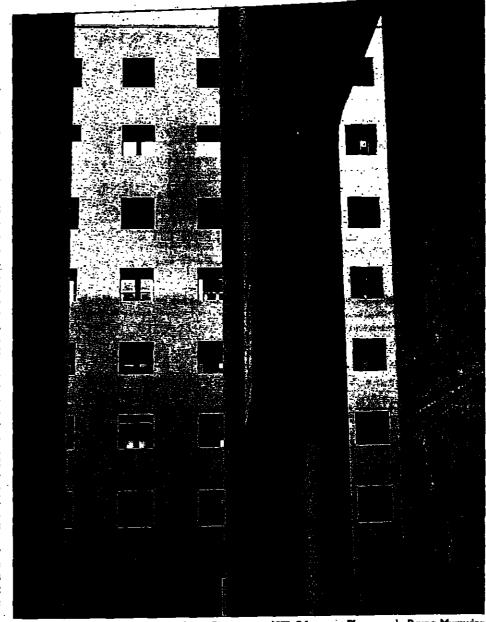
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Christian Norberg-Schulz not- by simplified representations of places and objects, like the and an abortive project for Canary Wharf, London, 1990. enamel coffeepots, is described He taught at Arezzo, Milan, Zurich, Venice, Yale and the Cooper Union, New York. He was awarded the Pritzker Prize

On a less exalted level Rossi will be remembered as the designer of a range of coffeepots for Alessi which were marketed as expensive objects of fashionable taste in the 1980s. His work was exhibited in England at the ICA (1983) and at York City Art Gallery (where a 36ft leaning tower by Rossi was erected) and the RIBA, London, in 1987. The closest thing to a Rossi building in London is the temporary scaffolding cover of the Albert Memorial.

Aldo Rossi's ideas and images were influential on many architects who have been labelled Post-Modernist, particularly in their search for the wrote in 1988, "I still have a dream of great civil architecture; cord, but the city that is beautiful because of the wealth and variety it contains. I believe in the future of the city for this reason.'

He suffered a serious car crash in 1971 and planned the Modena Cemetery during his



Glacially disciplined: Rossi's Modena Cemetery, 1971-84

Photograph: Bruno Murawiec

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Roger Frey

Roger Frey, French politician: born Noumez, New Caledonia II June 1913; President of the Constitutional Council 1974-83; married (two children); died I3 September 1997.

As Minister of the Interior in France from 1961 Roger Frey had the reputation of being an casy man in cabinet meetings, presided over by de Gaulle, acsceretive minister.

January 1961 whereby 75 per remained unmoved. cent of the French population

to independence - began to act ernment was not doing enough

The Algerian nationalists ment on 17 October 1961, Charonne. Half a million Twenty thousand tried to concepting the President's criti- verge on the centre of Paris. cisms with a smile, and They were attacked by some erent pleasantries into the ear The Ministry of the Interior anof an embarrassed colleague. nounced that two Algerians But publicly he was a hard and had been killed. But soon other figures were produced sug-His justification was that gesting that 60 or 70 had been these were times of desperate killed. This was denied by the danger. Algerian nationalists minister. The figure remains had for long been fighting the uncertain but it seems likely battle of Paris. They were not that more than 200 Algerians disarmed by the referendum of perished. Apparently, Frey

At the beginning of 1962 the in France had accepted the Secret Army (the OAS) multiindependence of Algeria, plied its terrorist attacks and, in French rollice were attacked (64 an attempt to blow up André were killed between 1958 and Malraux's house, a four-year-old 1962), the Algerians fought girl was badly injured in the face. amongst themselves, and the Se- Her photograph deeply moved cret Army of the French settlers the French public and the trade

as a terrorist group within to protect people, organised a assive demonstration. The The government therefore minister forbade this. But on decreed that a curfew should 8 February 1962 some 8,000 come into force forbidding Al- trade unionists tried to demongerians to be on the streets in strate in Place de la Bastille. Paris and its suburbs after The police attacked them vio-

lently and eight demonstrators were killed as they tried to demonstrated against this treat- take refuge in the metro station



in Algeria - who were opposed unions, claiming that the gov- Frey: first-generation Gaullist

people followed their coffins the Communist Party for February 1962, although later claiming that both incidents had been provoked by the OAS.

Frey was held responsible for Beyond the official police he the events (along with Maurice Papon, the Prefect of Police, made use of special groups. who had been an officer under There were the "barbouzes" Vichy and who is to be tried next (the bearded ones) and the section d'action civique, both of which used unorthodox methods to hunt out those who were tionalists for October 1961 and considered to be the enemies of the Republic.

Frey was accused of making France into a police state. He of State, responsible for rela-corpse ("periode ac cadaver"). claimed that France was in tions with parliament. Two years danger of civil war. He said that later he was unexpectedly the OAS had already worked consulted by de Gaulle about out who was to be in their goveroment and in the Council of Ministers he joked with de Gaulle about who would take his place.

On 29 October 1965 Ben Barka, a leading opposition figure to the King of Morocco and a third world leader, was stopped by two French policemen as he was about to enter the Brasserie Lipp on the Boulevard Saint Germain. He got into their car and was driven to the villa of a well-known ex-criminal in Fontenay-le-Vicomte. He was never seen again Photograph: Hulton Getty and he was certainly murdered.

Frey and the French police and secret service in all this? This was a mystery that was never would frequently contradict cleared up. It led to widespread himself. Conversation was the criticisms of the government. De manner in which he made up Gaulle sharply accused Pompidou and Frey of not being ef-

fectively in charge of their brought Pompidon closer to

> the forthcoming referendum. Should be postpone it for a fortnight, the General asked? Frey advised him not to. To postpone it would mean a great loss of prestige. De Gaulle resigned. But Frey believed that de Gaulle had never contemplated postponement. He therefore gave him the answer that he

wished. Frey's view of de Gaulle. When he learned that Alain Peyrefitte, at that time Minister for Inforhis conversations with de people, he became one of the politics. Gaulle, he thought it a great

What was the role of Roger joke. De Gaulle, he claimed, would say anything, would continually ask the same question. his own mind. But Frey was an uncondi-

tional admirer of de Gaulle. To administrations. But he took no the same Peyrefitte, much earfurther action. The incident lier, when he joined the Gaullist party, Frey said that his motto had to be that of the Jesuits who In 1967 he became Minister swore to follow the Pope like a Frey was proud of being a firsthad behind him, not the histohistory of France.

Born in 1913 in New Caledonia, in 1940, Frey had joined the Gaullist forces in the Pacific. He later fought in Africa and in France, ending the war as a Lieutenant, From 1945 to 1946 China, then in 1947 when de Gaulle founded his political

in New Caledonian nickel, and thanks to this and to his contacts with the Rothschilds, he was able to help de Gaulle keep his residence in the rue de Solférino which he would otherwise have been obliged to sell. During the Algiers crisis of 1958 which brought de Gaulle to power he went secretly to Algeria and worked in ways which still remain secret on behalf of

Having established a record by being a minister for some 13 generation Gaullist. In a speech and a half consecutive years, of 1960 he said that he had not Frey ended his career as Presjoined de Gaulle two years be- ident of the Constitutional fore, but 20 years earlier. He Council from 1974 to 1983. He had been appointed by ry of a political party, but the Pompidou, and he finished his term of office under Mitterrand. Under his direction the council became increasingly independent and concerned for

human rights. A mysterious man, subject to much suspicion and hostility, This was in keeping with he was sent by de Gaulle on a there are two things that one secret mission to India and to can safely say about him. He was courageous. And during the 1960s and 1970s he was the mation, was keeping a record of party, the Rally of the French best-dressed man in French

- Douglas Johnson

lain Anders

lain Anders Robertson (lain Anders), actor and legal February 1933; married; died Chichester, West Sussex 5 September 1997,

As Superintendent Jack Me-Vitic - nicknamed "The Biscuit" - the character actor lain Anders was a familiar face to millions of television viewers a crime dressed as a Chinese in logum, the gritty police se- mandarin after being called ries set on the streets of Glas- out as he was preparing to

with the grim-faced Detective Chief Inspector Jim Taggart, played by Mark McManus, although the series' popularity ensured its continuation after McManus's death three years

During his early years in Taggart, Anders was himself sour-faced, but he later revealed a sense of humour and once appeared on the scene of gow. He was often seen hattling attend a fancy-dress party.

Grappling with the law was part of the actor's life on screen and off. Alongside his stage and screen career, Anders - born Iain Anders Robertson, of Scottish ancestry, in London in 1933 - worked as a legal executive in a leading south London firm of criminal lawyers, preparing briefs for the barristers defending its clients in court. "The policemen I meet in my legal work tend to look puzzled and then assume I must have worked as a real policeman before," he once said,

part of both careers. Before joining Taggart, Anders frequently appeared on television as both policemen and villains, in series such as Z Cars., Softhy Softly, Shoestring and Juliet Bravo. He also acted in programmes that included A Horseman Riding By, A Family Affair, Diana, A Family Man, Through a Strange Land, Jessie and Hi-de-Hil and, during the Fifties and Staties, performed on stage during seasons at the Byre Theatre, St Andrews, the

Crime seemed a constant Gateway Theatre, Edinburgh, girlfriend. It attracted more been screened in more than 40 the Queen's Theatre, Hornchurch, the Everyman Theatre, Britain, ensuring it a regular for its gritty realism and loca-Cheltenham, and the Salisbury Playhouse.

Although Anders did not appear in Killer, the 1983 miniseries that launched Mark Mc-Manus's character of Taggart, the actor joined the resulting Taggart series (1985-) from its second, three-part story, Murder in Season (1985), which featured Isla Blair as an opera singer falsely suspected of murderiog her ex-husband's new

than 10 million viewers in countries, soon became noted place on the ITV network.

Glenn Chandler's tough Glasgow policeman had been watched over by Superintendent Murray - known as "The Mint" - during the previous stories. But, when the actor Tom Watson decided not to continue in covery that a police officer was the role, Anders was brought in as Superintendent McVitie. is Scottish Television's most successful programme and has

tion shooting on the streets of Glasgow. Anders's character mellowed over the years into a wise-cracking boss to the tough and cynical Taggart, often showing a humane side to his nature, such as on his dishomosexual.

Anders is due to be seen in "The Biscuit". The series, which three Taggart stories still to be



The Biscuit'; Anders in - Anthony Hayward Scottish TV's Taggart

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DEATHS

CAINE: John, hisband of Marnie and father of Nicholay, died peacefully on 15 September 1997 in Worcester, Foneral service at Church of the Ascen-tion on Thursday 18 September at Ham, followed by burial at Maleem Ham, followed by nursi at Mateern Cemetery, Family flowers only, Donn-tions if desired to the Diabetic Asso-ciation, co. I.W. Spilsbury Funeral Director, Malvern.

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rounger son of Dr and Mrs Brian Peckett, of Paget, Bermuda, and Lizzie, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs John Baron, of Barton-under-Needwood, Staffordshire,

Birthdays

Mr Russ Abbott, comedian, 50; Miss Lauren Bacall, actress, 73; Mr Tommy Carberry, jockey, 56; Mr George Chakiris, actor and dancer, 64; Professor Ken Coates, MEP, 67; Mr Peter Falk television actor, 70; Lord Grinthorpe, soldier and company director, 82; Mr Charles Haughey, former Irish prime minister, 72; Lord Henderson of Brompton, former Clerk of the Parliaments, 75; Sir Anthony Hooper, High Court judge, 60; Mr Iao Horsbrugh, Principal, Guild-

hall School of Music and Drama, 56; Mr Andy Irvine, rugby player, 46; The Very Rev William Johnston, extra Chaplain to the Queen in Scotland, 76; Mr Kenny Jones, rock drummer, 49; Mr B.B. King, guitarist and blues singer, 72; Mr Lee Kuan Yew, former prime minister of Singapore, 74, Sir John Megaw, former Lord Justice of Appeal, 88; Sir John Page, for-mer MP, 78; Baroness Pike, former MP, 79; Dame Sheila Quinn, former President, Royal College of Nursing, 77; Maj-Gen Sir Roy Redgrave, 72; Lord Ryder of Eaton Hastings, former chairman, International Publishing Corporation, 81; Mrs Steve Shirley, Life President, FI Group, 64; Mr David Smeeton, radio news cor-respondent, 61; Mr Mickey Stewart, cricketer, 65; Mr Peter Townsen golfer, 51; Lord Walton of Detchant, former Warden of Green College, Oxford, 75; Mr David Wilshire MP, 54.

Anniversaries

Births: King Henry V, 1387; Mikhail

diplomat, 1745; Nathan Mayer Rothschild, banker, 1777; Wenzel Gährich, violinist and composer, 1794; William Marsden, physician and hospital founder, 1796; Sir Anthony Panizzi (Antonio Genesio Maria Panizzi), bibliophile and scholar, 1797; Francis Parkman, historian, 1823; Albert Ross Parsons, pianist. composer and author, 1847; Sir Ed-ward Marshall Hall, criminal law advocate, 1858; Andrew Bonar Law, statesman, 1858; Ellsworth Huntington, geographer and explorer, 1876; Alfred Noyes, poet, 1880; Nadia Juliette Boulanger, composer and teacher, 1887: Grand Admiral Karl Doenitz, sailor, 1891; Sir Alexander Korda (Sandor Laszio Korda), film director and producer, 1893; Robert Malise Bowyer Nichols, poet, 1893; Karol Rathaus, composer, 1895. Deaths: Pope Martin I, 655; Tomás de Torquemada, Dominican monk and Spanish Inquisitor-General, 1498; John Colet, scholar and theologian, 1519; Gabriel Daniel Fahrenheit, physicist, 1736; Louis XVIII, King of France, 1824; Thomas

John Dibdin, actor, playwright and songwriter, 1841; Grace Agailar, novelist and historian, 1847; Edward Bouverie Pusey, theologian, 1882; Edward Whymper, wood-engraver and climber, 1911; Sir Thomas Lauder Brunton Bt, physician, 1916; Sir Ronald Ross, bacteriologist, 1932; (Count) John Francis McCormack, tenor, 1945; Sir James Hopkins Jeans, physicist, 1946; Ves-ta Tilley (Matilda Alice Powles, Lady de Frece), male impersonator and music-hall artiste, 1952; Leopold Charles Maurice Stennett Amery, statesman and journalist, 1955; Michael Carr (Maurice Cohen). composer, 1968; Walter Greenwood, novelist and playwright, 1974; Marc Bolan (Mark Feid), singer, songwriter and handleader, 1977; Maria Callas (Cecilia Sophia Anna Maria Kalonemponter) Kalogeropoulos), opera singer, 1977.
On this day: David Livingstone discovered Lake Nyasa, 1859; the first Post Office Savings Banks were opened, 1861; the Soviet Union became a member of the League of Nations, 1934; Reza Khan Pahlavi,

Shah of Iran, abdicated, 1941; Malaysia became independent, 1963; Resolution, Britain's first Polaris submarine, was launched, 1966; Papua New Guinea became independent, 1975; in the United States, the Episcopal Church approved the ordination of women to the priesthood, 1976; in Tower Hamlets, east London. riots took place after a British National Party candidate was elected to a council seat, 1993. Today is the Feast Day of Saints Abundius and Abundantius St Cornelius, pope, St Cyprian, St Edith of Wilton, St Euphemia, St Ludmila and St Ninian.

Lectures

National Gallery: Jacqueline Ansell, "Back to School (3): costume parades at the National Gallery , 1pm. Victoria and Albert Museum: Miranda Neave, "Silver Drinking Vessels", 2.30pm

Tate Gallery: Anne Lyles, "18th-Century British Landscape Watercolours from the Oppé Collection", 1pm.
British Museum: Delia Pemberton,

" 'Mother of the World': Islamic architecture of Cairo, 1.15pm. National Portrait Gallery: John Cooper, "Thomas Carlyle: portraits in the service of biography", 1.10pm.

Church appointments

The following appointments have been announced by the Church of England:

The Rev Ian Genmell, Prest-in-Charge-Great Bowden with Welham, Glooston and Crance (Leicester): to be also Rural Dean-Gartree First Deanery (same diocese). Commin Robert Laudes, Rector, Presson St. John, Christ the King, Chapel, St. George, St. Ser-tour with St. James, St. Stephen (Blackburn); to be Archdeacon of Lancaster (same dicesse). Canon John Saunders, Priest-in-Charge. Hotsmonden, and Area Secretary (SE Eng-land) SAMS (Rochester); to be Vicar, Gillang-ham St Mark (same discesse).

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The Rev Andrew Shanks, Research Fellow in Theology, Levds University (Ripon); to be part-time Pricat-in-Charge, Upper Ryedale, and part-time Cengy Training Officer in the Ckvetand Archdesconry (Yurk).

The Rev Pear Wells, Director, St Marylebone Healing and Counselling Centre (London); to be half-time Vicar, North Lambeth Team (Southwark).

Clothier falls on his sword in Dalgety shake-up

Dalgety, the Winalot and Felix pet food group, has been laid low by a combination of the BSE crisis and the mis-managed integration of the Quaker European pet foods acquisition in 1995. Now, after two profits warnings in four months, it is parting company with its chief executive and selling two main businesses. Around £200m will be returned to longsuffering shareholders as a result.

Nigel Cobe reports

Dalgety bowed to the inevitable vesterday when it announced a radical shakeup of its under-performing portfolio along with the resignation of its chief executive, Richard Clothier.

Mr Clothier, chief executive since 1993. was on a two-year contract and will be in line for a pay-off of up to £600,000. He will be replaced by Ken Hanna, finance director, who joined Dalgety in May. The company is expected to look outside to replace him.

Mr Clothier, who has spent the last 20 years at Dalgety, made his decision to quit at the weekend after the completion of a 10-week strategic review of the group's operations. The company said his departure was "by mutual agreement".

Dalgety chairman Sir Denys Henderson said: "He felt that the strategy was changing and the results had been disappointing. He took the honourable course to fall on his sword." He denied that the pay-off, which is subject to mitigation, represented a reward for failure even though Dalgety's shares have underperformed the market by over 60 per cent during Mr Clothier's tenure. "We are meeting the obligations in the contract as it is proper to do. I think he was disappointed and inevitably a little sad. But someone has to carry the can in these circumstances."

As part of the strategic review, Dalgety yesterday put two of its four main businesses up for sale. Buyers are being sought for its food ingredients business and Martin Brower, the US distribution operation that services McDonald's, the fast-food giant. The proceeds will be used to reduce £255m of debt and to return around

£200m to shareholders. The slimmed down company will concentrate on three divisions: pet foods, the Pig Improvement Company and agricultural supplies.

The disposal could raise £300m to £400m, analysts said. Dalgety has appointed Lazards to find buyers for the food ingredients business. Interested parties could include Kerry Group, the Irish food company, at a price of up to £200m. The flour milling operation, part of the food ingredients division, could be of interest to Green Core, the American group which has been expanding in the UK, and Associated British Foods. Analysts expect a price tag of around £125m

The sale of the Martin Brower business. which will be overseen by Morgan Stanley, could attract an American buyer or management buyout. The business could be worth up to £90m, less a substantial tax

Mr Hanna said Dalgety would remain a substantial business with £2bn of sales, 8,000 employees and the number two in the £5bn-a-year European pet food market.

Though analysis welcomed the decision to introduce more focus in the business they said the key to its success would be its bid to restore the pet foods division to better financial health. Sir Denys said the £440m acquisition of Quaker's European pet foods division had been right but that the integration had been too slow. Costs were too high and production record had been poor, he said.

The company pointed out that Dalgety has successful pet food brands such as Winalot and Felix and has 25 per cent of the European pet food market. It ranks behind Mars, whose Pedigree Petfoods division dominates the European market with a share of around 45 per cent. Nestlé, the number three, has just 7 per cent.

"If they can't get a decent return on it [pet food], they don't deserve to own it," said David Laing of Henderson Crosth-

Failure to improve the pet foods opertion would probably result in a takeover of Dalgety, ending 100 years of independence. However, analysts said a strike was unlikely at the current share price.

The shake-up at Dalgety ends a dismal year for the company which has been characterised by a poor share price perfor-



Down on the farm: Dalgety estimates the cost of BSE at £12m for the full year and the re-organisation of the pet foods division at around £64m. Chairman Richard Clothier announced his resignation after a company review

profits warnings and a cut in the dividend by a third.

The year's results to June were in line with the July profits warning. Adjusted profits, before exceptionals, fell from £102m to £66.2m. Pet food profits collapsed by £12m to £26.4m due to supply chain costs with the loss of 300 jobs. A further 300 will go in a shake-up in Europe.

There were £138m of exceptional costs including a cash element of £41m. Of the exceptional charges, £64m was for a re-organisation of the pet foods division and £12m related to the direct costs of BSE.

mance, large exceptional provisions, two which included the closure of three factories. The full-year dividend was 14.5p against 22p last year.

Sir Denys said he would be seeing institutional shareholders today to present the results of the strategic review. The shares closed 0.5p higher at 274.5p.

Comment, page 25, and People & Business, page 27

Germany prepares to raise rates

The pound fell sharply against the mark yesterday after **Bundesbank president Hans** Tietmeyer gave a broad hint that German interest rates were set to rise, reducing the attraction for investors holding sterling. Tom Stevenson, Financial Editor, reports on the latest retreat by the recently highflying pound.

Bundesbank president Hans Tietmeyer signalled an early rise in German interest rates yesterday when he said the central bank's scope to push through increases in the cost of money would narrow once the members of Europe's planned single currency were announced next spring.

The pound slumped to a three-month low against the German currency of under DM2.82 following the comments as investors gambled that the difference between British and German interest rates would narrow, making the pound relatively less attractive to hold.

The fall took the pressure off British exporters, who have struggled to compete with overseas competitors thanks to the high-flying pound. The rise in sterling has made British products increasingly expensive in overseas markets.

Sterling, which traded at DM2.30 a year ago, reached a peak value of DM3.07 in July on expectations that UK interest rates would rise to fend off inflationary pressures in the British economy. Over the past two months currency traders have reduced their forceasts for UK rates while at the same time upward pressure on German rates has increased.

Mr Tietmeyer said yesterday that although it was theoretically possible for the Bundesbank to change interest rates in the run-up to European monetary union on 1 January 1999, once EMU members are chosen in the spring of 1998, "the room to manoeuvre gets narrower".

Financial markets interpreted the remark as a sign that the Bundesbank had limited time to raise interest rates. Mr Tietmeyer's comments came after European Union finance ministers decided to create a de facto monetary union eight months before the euro's planned launch.

Power firms warned of mass defections

More than half of all electricity consumers could switch suppliers when the market is thrown open to competition next year, according to a survey published yesterday. The survey coincided with reports that Total may pull out of the deregulated domestic gas market. Michael Harrison and, below, Chris Godsmark report.

Electricity companies could be hit by mass customer defections when competition is introduced next April with as many as 12 million households switching suppliers, says the Coopers & Lybrand accountancy firm.

shows that 55 per cent of customers would definitely switch or consider doing so while only 29 per cent are committed to

as electrical appliance repairs.

Total, the French oil giant, is

understood to have approached

rival companies about a possi-

ble sale of its domestic gas

customer base. The move is the

latest sign of fallout in the

domestic market, which has

been hit by low or non-existent

its assault in spring 1996 when

the first domestic competition

trials began in the South-west.

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Total reconsiders gas market

A survey released yesterday

aying with their local supplier. The best chance of holding on to customers, suggests the report, lies in teaming up with nationally known brands such as Virgin or offering services such

The survey is likely to send a chill through the industry since the estimate of the level of customer defection is significantly higher than that predicted either by the 14 public electricity suppliers or the in-

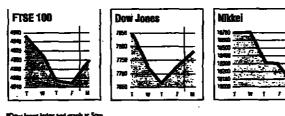
dustry regulator, Offer. Geoff Green, head of energy, water and transport at Coopers & Lybrand, said there was little evidence of much loyalty among customers of the regional electricity companies even though a majority of consumers said they were satisfied with the service they got. Mr Green warned suppliers

it would be unwise to rely upon a combination of inertia and apparent customer satisfaction to protect their markets. Competition is due to begin

next April in parts of Scotland, Yorkshire, East Anglia and Kent and Sussex and then roll out to all 22 million domestic consumers by September. Several suppliers have begun

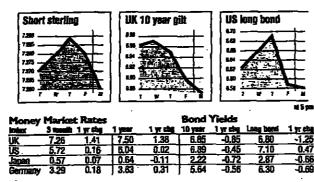
preparing for competition by setting up their own energy marketing businesses. Scottish Power, which owns Manweb, the MAIN PRICE CHANGES electricity supplier for Merseyside and North Wales, and Southern Water, has formed an alliance with the Automobile Association to sell energy.

STOCK MARKETS



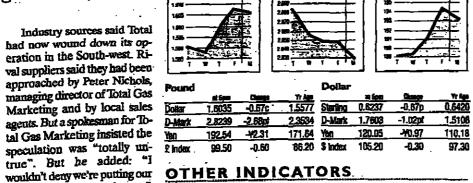
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FISE All Share	2312.22	20.21	0.88	2376.39	1925.79	3.58
FTSE SmallCap	2274.D	2.80	0.12	2374.20	2128.40	3.26
FTSE Redging	1264.1	2.80	0.22	1346.50	1198.70	3.27
FTSE AIM	1015.2	-0.20	-0.02	1138.00	1002.10	0.92
Dow Jones	7783.62	32.75	0.42	8259.31	5867.74	_1.58
Nikkei	17965.80	-316,43	-1.73	21612.30	17303.65	0.85
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;	Lacorte PLC	706.50	30.00	4.43	Telewest Comm	78.00	-2.50	-3.11
	Nati Grid Group	274,00	10,00		Hambros PLC		-6.00	-2.67
	BICC PLC	151.00	5.50	3.78	Ocean Group PLC	581.50	-12.50	-2.10

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energies into the South-east." Separately, it emerged yesterday that ScottishPower is to ture company with London raise its domestic gas prices by between 4 and 9 per cent.

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Landhurst Leasing duo plead guilty

Two former directors of Landhurst, a leasing company that counted **Bob Geldof and Terry** Venables among its clients before collapsing in 1992, have pleaded guilty to corruption at the Old Bailey.

Tom Stevenson reports. David Ashworth, the former finance director of Landhurst Leasing, pleaded guilty at the Old Bailey yesterday to two counts of corruption after an investigation by the Serious Fraud Office (SFO) and City of London police. His pleas followed similar guilty pleas last Friday by Edward Ball, Landhurst's former chairman, to eight counts of corruption.

The two men admitted to accepting backhanders from Middlebridge (MGL), an engineering firm which was used in March 1990 to buy the Brabham motor racing name and team. At the time of the deal,

Mr Ball was paid £25,000 in cash, the first of several corrupt payments to the two directors by MGL which eventually totalled £420,000.

Tim Langdale QC for the SFO, said: "Ball and Ashworth took full, dishonest advantage of their controlling positions at Landhurst for personal gain." The two will be sentenced on 17 October.

Landhurst specialised in providing and renting classic cars. It leased directly or bought the items from individuals and leased them back. It expanded from a turnover of £2m in 1985 to £38m in 1991, relying on loans from syndicates of merchant bankers to keep clients afloat even after arrears on leases started to build up. With the recession, financial

problems worsened. But instead of terminating the leases, Ball and Ashworth adjusted the books to give the appearance that all was well, accepting bribes to provide further loans to refinance debts.

DTI to name and shame companies that pay late

shame large companies that persistently delay paying bills to small suppliers will be launched by the Government today. The Department of Trade

and Industry will give its support to the moves to compile the first official league tables of late payers, using information from around 18,000 large companies. The tables will be collated and published by the Federation of Small Businesses (FSB), working with the business information group Dun & Bradstreet.

From this year stock marketquoted companies have been obliged to say how long they take to settle bills in their annual reports to shareholders.

An initiative to name and The new league tables, the first of which will be released next year, will cover 3,000 quoted companies and a further 15,000 subsidiary businesses.

Stephen Alambritis, the FSB's spokesman, said the name-and-shame policy remained the best way to change the British culture of late payment: "We want to withdraw awards or quality assurance certificates from businesses near the top of the tables." But it emerged yesterday

that the FSB will give a lukewarm response to the DTTs proposals for a statutory right to interest for bills paid late. The Government is consulting on its plans which were a manifesto commitment from Labour.

SHARE PRICE COVERAGE

From today we have changed the way companies are selected for inclusion on our share price page. Henceforth we will list the 1,250 biggest companies by market capitalisation together with some popular shares and share listings which have been paid for. Requests for additional listings should be put in writing and will be accommodated where possible.



Cable & Wireless writes off £200m after merger

Cable & Wireless Communications (CWC), the £4bn merged cable group, is to write off £200m to cover the cost of restructuring. The news emerged as CWC gave the first indications of its performance since the merger and pledged to make annual savings of £20m.

Chris Godsmark reports

six months of 1997.

entertainment giant.

The decision by Graham Wallace, CWC's trading statement yesterday partly re-

steadily since the merger was completed in April. Yesterday the shares dropped a further 13p to 242p, down from 300p in April, as analysts registered surprise at the group's decision to press ahead with a £1bn investment programme this year.

More than £600m of the investment was earmarked for an expansion of the cable and long-distance telephone network, 58 per cent of which has been completed. A further £250m would cover connections to homes, while the remaining £170m would be spent on a new computer billing system.

The provisions of £200m were larger than the £125m of write-offs originally forechief executive, to issue the group's first cast by analysts. The 40 per cent cut in the group's management, with the loss of flected continuing concerns about the around 400 jobs, cost £45m, while other procompany's share price, which has fallen visions included £55m to cover a reduced

English China Clays storms into black

valuation of computer systems and £53m of property write-downs.

Mr Wallace defended the provisions. When you put four organisations together you've got to take a pretty close look at costs," he said. He gave an upbeat assessment of CWC's recent performance, as the company yesterday unveiled its new marketing campaign using the brand Cable & Wireless, also the name of its majority shareholder, and backed by a £50m advertising promotion.

Total revenues in the three months to the end of June rose by 13 per cent, to £551m, compared with the same quarter the year before. The merger combined Mercury's long-distance network with cable operators Bell Cablemedia, Nynex Cable-Comms and Videotron.

CWC also pointed to an increase in the number of homes taking its services. Penetration for telephony offerings rose from 20.1 per cent to 22.6 per cent, with 772,209 subscribers, while cable television penetration edged up by 1 percentage point to 19.1 per cent.

Mr Wallace said bundled tariffs, which offered telephone line rental and five television channels for £11.99 a month, would boost customer numbers.

He said the rationalisation would bring efficiency savings of £106m compared with the former spending plans of the four companies, translating into a £20m boost to CWC's profits. Last year's profits, for the 12 months to the end of March, were £80m on a pro-forma basis, suggesting earning this year could be above £100m.

Thorn shares hit by **US** court ruling

Shares in Thorn, hit their lowest yet yesterday, plunging 9 per cent to close at 151.5p. after the company said a New Jersey court ruling could force it to pay \$120m (£75m) in damages for overcharging customers at its Rent-A-Center stores.

The company, which has given investors a rough ride since it split from EMI last August, admitted yesterday that it was considering making a provision to cover the costs. Thorn announced only four months ago that it had been forced to make a £17m provision against possible damages relating to a similar case in Minnesota.

City analysts expressed concern yesterday that other suits could incur substantial costs. Claims in Wisconsin, Pennsylvania and Texas are still outstanding, and observers said there were worries that customers in other states would follow suit.

One analyst said: "It's very difficult to know when the next spot on the horizon will appear. Some other states may decide to join the bandwagon."

Thorn said it would appeal against the court's judgment, which ruled that the Rent-A-Center stores owed customers many of whom are on a low income - fees and interest paid for home furnishings. The judgment said customers were entitled to recover 40 per cent of what they had paid, but under New Jersey law Thorn could be liable for three times that figure.



Andrew Teare: Soon after his departure 18 months ago, problems at English China Clays emerged. The company has since announced 400 redundancies

ITC rejects request for more ads

mitted further restructuring of the business

would have to take place.

The Independent Television Commission yesterday dealt a blow BBA sells business to advertisers but pleased the ITV companies by blocking a re- BBA has sold its Haefely Trench business quest from the Incorporated Society of British Advertisers (Isba) for £164m to a new group formed by CVC to increase the number of minutes per hour dedicated to advertising on television. Isba, which has campaigned tirelessly for increased advertising time, had asked the ITC to consider bringing the time given over to advertising in line with European countries, where terrestrial television networks are allowed to carry advertising for nine minutes every hour. ITV currently carries an average of seven minutes of advertising each hour.

ITV companies had been against Isba's proposals as an increase in the number of minutes available would allow broadcasters to charge less for airtime.

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Capital, a venture capital group. BBA said last week that the operation, which makes components for the high-voltage transmission industry, was under review, along with Ajax, another electrical business, which is expected to be sold soon. The proceeds from the Haefely sale will be used to reduce debt and allow BBA to build its friction, nonwovens and aviation businesses. The book value of the assets being sold was £70.4m. In the 12 months to December, Haefely Trench made pre-tax profits of £17.5m.

Three on Morgan list Morgan Crucible is expected to announce shortly that an internal candidate will suc-

ceed Bruce Farmer as managing director. Three names are thought to be on the short list - Ian Norris, chairman of the carbon business, Vic Maundrell, head of the technical ceramics division, and Nigel Howard, who runs thermal ceramics. Mr Farmer, who is one year away from the retiring age of the two most recent chairman, refused to comment on his successor, beyond saying that there would be a planned, orderly succession from within the group. Morgan reported an 11 per cent rise in profits to £56.1m for the first half of the year and is raising the interim dividend 6 per cent to 7p.

Energis alliance

Energis, the business phone group owned by National Grid, revealed a ground-breaking five-year alliance with Nortel, the telecommunications equipment giant. The link-up, called "partners in telephony", will out delivery times for Energis customers and cut the operator's investment costs significantly. The first agreement includes a contract for Nortel to supply 20 switches, which route calls, for the Energis network. The two companies said the alliance would also involve collaboration on future research and development programmes.

New jobs at Anglian Anglian Water will today announce the creation of 50 new customer service jobs, most of which will be based in an expanded call centre in Hartlepool. Anglian bought Hartlepool Water in July for £19m in a bid to compete with water companies outside its area. The jobs will raise Hartlepool Water's workforce by 50 per cent.

Hunting in black
Hunting, the oil, defence and aviation group, returned to the black with a pre-tax profit of £20.9m for the six months to June compared with a loss of £14.2m in the same period of last year. Underlying profits increased 8 per cent, despite the strength of the pound which cost the group £1.5m. The improvement was driven by a strong performance from its oil division and a growth in sales of munitions used for the Apache helicopter. The interim dividend is 3p.

Redrow chairman warns on rocketing house prices

Redrow, the Cheshirebased builder with a reputation for accurately predicting the housing market, has turned cautious on London house prices. And, as its own profits soar, it sees no sign of a

Magnus Grimond

Steve Morgan, Redrow's multi-millionaire executive chairman, correctly called the top of the market in the late 1980s. Yesterday he said he felt "uncomfortable" with house prices which have jumped more than 20 per cent in the last 12 months. "I don't see a major collapse of the London market, as we saw in '88, but it is still prudent to be cautious and we are not keen to be overexposed to it", he said.

COMPANY DESILITS

However, he said there was "absolutely no sign" of a boom in the rest of the country and, indeed, there was some evidence that interest rates were starting to dampen prices, although the death of the Princess of Wales had also taken its toll. His comments came as

Redrow reported a 36 per cent rise in pre-tax profits to £36.1m for the 12 months to June. The results were produced with a 16 per cent rise in completions to 2,629 houses and an 8 per cent rise in the average selling price to £94,000. The group said the average

plot replacement cost for its land bank had jumped to £20,000 in the past year, compared with a historic average of £15,650.

Robert Jones, former Conservative minister for planning and construction, has been appointed a non-executive director.

	Turnover L	Pre-tax £	EPS	Dividend
Blagdon Inda (I)	115m (†28m)	7.18m (7.37m)	6.3p (7p)	1.1p (1.1p)
Brit Polythene lad (I)	223m (199m)	11.1m (14.3m)	18.73p (26.63p)	-(-)
City Technology (F)	18.9m (16.0m)	7.66m (6,16m)	10.68p (8.57p)	5.27p (-)
CHC Preperties (I)	4.4m (3.2m)	1.53m (1.02m)	3.5p (4.8p)	1.4p (1 3p)
Dagesham Motors (I)	145.2m (147.2m)	2.83m (2.35m)	8.0p (6.2p)	25p (2.2p)
Daigety (F)	4.14bn (4.17bn)	-71.6m (89.6m)	14.0p (22.7p)	~14.5p (22.0p
Emplish China Clays (I)	413m (430m)	41.6m (5.7m)	9.48p (-0.86p)	5.5p (5.5p)
Europeia: Laisure (F)	89.1m (76.6m)	7.02m (5.38m)	23p (38p)	3p (nii)
Havelock Europa (I)	31.2m (25.0m)	2.55m (2.01m)	63p (5.1p)	1.75p (1.45p)
Healthcall Group (1)	27.4m (28.1m)	1.65m (2.87m)	1,92p (3,29p)	1 <i>6</i> 5g (1.65p)
Heating (1)	717m (628m)	29.9m (-14.2m)	8.7p (-25p)	3p (nm)
lackcape (1)	2.9bn (3.2bn)	65.0m (75.3m)	5.tp (7.3p)	4.40p (4.20p)
Independent finalio (3)	1,5m (0.49m)	-1.8m (-6.75m)	-9.9p (-7.5p)	nii (-)
Laporte (I)	395m (416m)	38.7m (36.4m)	124.8p (22.0p)	*9.0p (8.5p)
Morgan Cracible (I)	451m (459m)	56.1m (50.5m)	16.2p (14.9p)	7.0p (6.0p)
Horsing Home Prope (Q)	7.8m (2.2m)	0.70m (0.24m)	1,38p (1.02p)	1.5p (1.25p)
Promiere Group (I)	17.0m (11.4m)	0.32m (0.21m)	5.5p (3.7p)	3.Cp (n#)
Redress (F)	255m (203m)	36.1m (26.5m)	11.4p (8.5p)	3.6p (3.3p)
Rections Group	57.2m (55.1m)	7.18m (8.0m)	8.7p (9.7p)	2.4p (2.2p)
SCI Extertablesed (F)	5.14m (1.07m)	1,42m (-4,29m)	10.69p (-46.83p	mi (-)
Sentings (I)	18.0m (22.3m)	0.17m (0.97m)	· (·)	Gp (Gp)
Sharpe & Fisher (I)	38.6m (33.7m)	2.01m (1.54m)	7.2p (4.9p)	2.1p (1.8p)
Shire Pharmaces(7s (F)	23.1m (21.0m)	-0.1m (2.7m)		nii (-)
Horace Speak Apparel (I)	40.5m (43.0m)	0.17m (1.08m)	0.5p (3.1p)	nii (-)
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Través Pertins (I)	269m (250m)	22.6m (17.2m)		3.30 (3.0p)
T&S Stores (I)	254m (249m)	10.3m (8.8m)		3.25p (3.0p)
Wales Çîty et Lembs (1)	<u> </u>	2.58m (1.55m)		ni (-)
Wellington Hidgs (1)	31.0m (30.5m)	2.93m (2.89m)		2.7p (2.7p)
Yorkshire Group (I)	65.7m (67.7m)	5.51m (6.85m)		3.05p (2.9g)
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for recovery

Incheape, the car distributor and marketing group, is finally on the road to recovery after years in the wilderness. Under the astnte guidance of Sir Colin Marshall, who flew in from British Airways last year, Inchcape has slimmed down its ragbag of businesses by selling off both Bain Hogg, the insurance broker, and its testing services division, raising £540m in the process.

Inchcape's large restructuring programme, which has seen 2,000 jobs go. is also beginning to pay off. Group profits fell to £78.8m (£82.8m) in the half year to June. However, strip out the exceptionals, plus the adverse impact of the strong pound, and underlying earnings improved by 15 per cent.

The car import business has led the recovery. Strong growth in the number of Japanese cars shipped into the UK and Hong Kong from manufactures such as Toyota pushed operating profits up 21 per cent to £42.7m.

However, Inchcape's results raise as many concerns as they answer. Chief among them is just why the group is investing buge sums of money into Russian Coca-Cola bottling plants. It plans to spend another £65m over there this year, having already poured £32m into the business in 1996. The operation was supposed to make a profit this year, but clocked up a loss of £7m in the first half.

Now analysts believe it could struggle to break even in 1998. Construction and

Inchcape on track cent to just over 600p. Though the share price has been slow to recover, Mr Leug's hard line looks vindicated.

In 18 months, he has closed or sold over a third of a sprawling business to focus on high-margin speciality chemi-cals, cut 2,000 jobs to 5,500 and slashed the number of manufacturing sites by 45

As the half-year figures to June show, the resulting focus on more profitable areas such as fine chemicals, pigments and chemicals used in electronics has boosted margins and profits.

Excluding currency, which sliced around £8m off profits, most of it in translation, the pre-tax total rose over a fifth to £60.4m on underlying sales 2 per cent ahead to £395m.

Laporte now also has around £100m cash following the recent sale of US adbesives and sealants for £90m.

With all the painful cuts completed - there are only some £5m to £10m of disposals left including the freight forwarding business - Mr Leng must prove he can spend his cash wisely and generate real growth. There were no firm ideas given away yesterday, just talk of bolt-

ons and organic growth. Laporte's heavy, £70m-a-year, capital investment programme will take some of the cash and there is still room to grow margins from more efficient use of plant space, while volumes should benefit from a new fine chemical factory in the US. But Laporte could spend up to £500m and still have comfortable inter-

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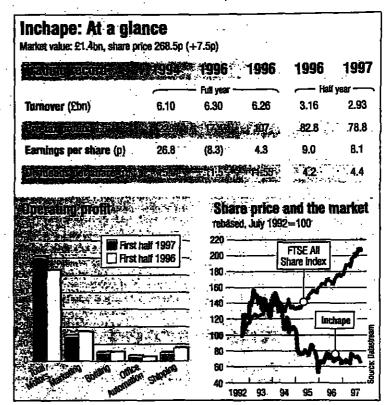
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wage costs have been much higher than expected and black market suppliers forced margins down. A good performance from the South American bottling business in Chile and Peru was not enough to dispel analysts' disappointment over Russia. In the longer term Russian returns could be huge, but Morgan Crucible Inchcape is taking a big gamble.

The other main problem is the marketing division, which produced another poor result as operating profits slipped another £2m to £15.2m. Inchcape's answer is yet another restructuring programme. A substantial round of job cuts and the closure or sale of small businesses is on the cards. While the revamp looks in all and only boost earnings by £9m a

There is also a sneaking suspicion Inchcape will be hit by the currency turmoil spreading like wild fire across the Far East. So far the impact has been limited to its small businesses in Thailand and Malaysia. However, if the problems spread to Hong Kong or Singapore, Inchcape would be badly affected.

Analysts forecast full-year profits of £183m, putting the shares, which rose 7.5p to 268.5p yesterday, on a prospective p/e ratio of 14. The shares have underperformed the market by more than 25 per cent over the last year, even though the group has done a lot of the right things. That said, Inchcape's rating looks about right, given the question marks over Russia and the sustainability of the recovery in its car business if currencies move the wrong way.

Laporte plays it by the book

First the pain, then the gain. Yesterday's results from Laporte, the speciality chemicals group, were the strongest indication yet that Jim Leng, the newbroom chief executive, could be presiding over a textbook turnaround. The market has taken some convincing.

When Mr Leng was appointed from Low & Bonar in September 1995 the market was euphoric, sending Laporte's shares soaring to a high of almost 850p. By December the honeymoon was over. Laporte's chairman, Ken Minton, bowed out ahead of a profits warning and Mr Leng announced a massive overhaul of the group's businesses costing nearly put the shares, up 3p at 479.5p, on a for-

rushed, the City will want to see some evidence of decisive action on acquisitions. Nat West Securities is forecasting full-year profits of £132m, to give a forward multiple of 15, with the shares up 30p at 706.5p. Still reasonable value.

back on track

Morgan Crucible, the carbon brushes to industrial ceramics group, ran into some squalls in its markets last year. But an ability to ride out bad weather has been a feature of the group's results in the past few years and latest results showing prethe right thing to do, it will cost £55m tax profits rising 11 per cent to £56.1m in the six months to 4 July have continued that tradition.

> strength of the pound hit profits, which would have been 22 per cent ahead barring currency effects and exceptional But European orders have started to pick up and most of the sterling effect was translational. Even the economic

European economic problems have

continued into this year, while the

problems in South-east Asia, Morgan's fastest-growing region, where underlying sales ran at 20 per cent in the first half, have left the group unfazed. Despite the problems, it was only thermal ceramics which really suffered in the

first half, seeing operating profits dip from £19.3m to £16.3m. But it is already back on the recovery track. A £1.5m bounce-back to break-even

in the US electro-optics business and full contributions from acquisitions boosted margins to the target 14 per cent in specialty materials.

Meanwhile, technical ceramies is now close to a 15 per cent return on sales after strong organic growth.

A series of further bolt-on acquisitions, for a total of £30m to £40m, are in the pipeline. Morgan is also understood to be on the point of beefing up its operation at Swansea to replicate in Europe its commanding US position in commutators. South-east Asia remains a slight worry, despite the group's confidence, but at least Morgan seems to be softening up the City for a seamless change when Bruce Farmer, managing director, retires. An announcement is thought to be imminent.

Full-year profits of £112m would £90m. Laporte's shares slumped 20 per ward p/e of 15. Reasonable value.



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Pet foods cause more damage than BSE

Dalgety is one of Britain's biggest animal feeds companies, so it was always inevitable that its fortunes would get intimately caught up in the BSE crisis. When the scandal broke, Dalgety was instantly fingered as one of the companies responsible. It was no worse than most others in the industry and immediately changed its practices when the horrific side-effects of feeding animal remains to animals became apparent. But the damage was done.

Looking at Dalgety now, it is tempting to view its huge losses, boardroom changes and savaged dividend as a kind of divine retribution - a reaping of the bitter harvest of mad cow disease

Actually, BSE is only one of a number of causes behind Dalgety's woes. The real villain of the piece is pet foods. There was a BSE element here too. The company was hit by an export ban and had to reformulate some of its flavours as a result. But there was bad judgement aplenty too. When Dalgety paid £440m for the petfoods division of Quaker's two years ago. some analysts questioned the deal's wisdom. Why go into battle with the much stronger Mars-owned Pedigree Petfoods, they asked. And would the southern European countries such as Italy and Spain, really start feeding Fido with posh canned delights rather than scraps? Yes, this really was advanced as a rip-roaring market opportunity for Dalgety.

As it turned the ensuing battle with Mars was only part of the problem. Dalgety simply failed to manage the business it had bought. The integration was botched, costs were left too high and production facilities were inefficient. New management was brought in, but 100 late.

Richard Clothier, the now departed chief executive, has clearly had his fair share of bad luck over the past couple of years but there were also lots of mistakes and the company took too long to sort them out. He is also a ringing reminder of the dangers of opting for the "inside" choice of chief executive over the newbroom outsider. With 20 years of service behind him at Dalgety, he was not the right man to be at the helm when the company hit stormy waters.

RECs not on the endangered list

The one question that Coopers & Lybrand has failed to answer in its analysis of the deregulated electricity market is, in many respects, the most important one. How many new entrants will take the plunge when the regional electricity companies start to lose their domestic monopolies next spring?

If its research is correct then there is huge pent-up demand on the part of consumers to switch from their local REC even for very modest price reductions. Satisfaction with an existing supplier will not, it seems, guarantee continuing loyalty once electricity can be bought at a bank, a supermarket or a petrol station. Some 55 per cent of households say they would definitely switch or consider doing so for as little as 2 per cent off their bills. That is

more than double the number that have No solutions for switched supplier since gas competition was introduced in the south west.

It is one thing having 22 million customers just begging to be freed from their local REC. It is another creating a competitive market. On the face of it, electricity supply is not particularly attractive. Most of the money is made by generating and distributing electricity over the national and local wires, not by pumping it the last few yards into the home.

Moreover, even if Virgin, Barclays or Shell did enter the market, they would have no direct control over the service their customers receive. There is another side to the argument, however. New entrants will be trading on the strength of their brand, not on whether their electricity is better than

The other argument is that what Virgin et al are really after is another way of accessing the customer so as to sell other products and services. Here's your electricity and by the way we can also service your electrical appliances. While we're at it, what about a household contents policy and, since you ask, yes, we also do life policies and PEPs.

This may sound plausible but experience of the deregulated gas market suggests it is improbable. No supermarkets or banks bothered to set up in competition to British Gas and two of the rival energy suppliers who did enter the market have already withdrawn or are in the process of doing so. The RECs may not be quite such an endangered species as Coopers thinks.

global integration

Prom the comfortable vantage point of our well-off, air conditioned, Western lives, it is easy to view the process of globalisation. deregulation, convergence and integration sweeping the world economy as an entirely benign, even benevolent thing, that will enhance the economic prospects of developing and developed countries in equal measure. Not so, says the latest Trade and Development report from the United Nations, which comes up with the disturbing conclusion that these apparently irresistible forces and trends are much more likely to increase further present inequalities and divisions. The report's reminder of the way faith in markets and economic openness quickly degenerated in the 1920s and 1930s into protectionism and totalitarianism may seem just a trifle alarmist; in an age when democracy and capitalism seem finally to have emerged triumphant, it is hard to imagine such a

dramatic change of events and perspective. Even so, the report poses some very worrying questions about what most of us would see as an entirely desirable set of economic developments and objectives. The report lists a number of alarming features of the contemporary world economy. For starters it is growing too slowly to generate sufficient employment with adequate pay or to alleviate powerty; the gap between the developed and the developing world is continuing to widen steadily; everywhere, the rich are getting richer

and the poor are getting poorer while shrinkage in the middle classes is a feature both of the developed and developing world; in the developed world, finance is gaining the upper hand over industry and endeavour with the result that trading in existing assets is more lucrative than creating wealth through investment; the gap between skilled and unskilled labour is becoming a global problem with falls of up to 30 per cent in the real wages of unskilled workers in some developed countries during the 1980s.

If all this sounds like that tired old "third worlder" complaint about globalisation the whole process is designed by the West in order to benefit the West and exploit the poorer nations and people of the world - that is actually not what the United Nations is trying to say here. The report leaves no doubt that the adverse consequences of international economic disintegration, were current trends to be put into reverse, would be borne by those that can least afford it. Instead the UN urges a more imaginative, sensitive and phased approach to integration. This unfortunately is where the UN's table thumping comes over all wishy-washy. Other than urging policy makers the world over to try harder, the report is unable to offer much in the way of solutions. All the same, the UN deserves some credit for highlighting the darker side of global integration. For the great bulk of the world, the process has yet to yield significant benefits. And if it doesn't eventually do so, the people will speak, with possibly calamitous consequences for everyone.

UN sounds warning on mag perils of inequality

The world is in danger of a repeating the mistakes of the 920s and 1930s, a United Nations agency warns today in a report on international trade and investment. Diane Coyle reports on the claim that growing inequality raises the threat of a backlash against the process of giobalisation.

The increasing integration of the world economy through trade and investment flows is being accompanied by greater inequality within and between nations, according to the annual report of the Unit-Development (Unctad). This could provoke a political backlash in the developed or developing countries which would roll back

the benefits of economic integration. The report, from one of the branches of the UN traditionally least sympathetic to free market policies, recommends slowing the pace at which developing countries are opening up their economies. Rather it favours carefully managed and phased ingration into the world economy.

Unctad also criticises the deregulation of financial markets that has allowed capright Cruci ital to flow freely around the globe. Although carefully distancing itself from its earlier history as a vocal opponent of multinationals which invest in developing. countries, it claims in the new report that the freedom of the financial markets has undermined long-term investment, echo-

ing a common left-wing sentiment. Finance has gained an upper hand over industry, and rentiers over investors. Trading in existing assets is often more lucra-

tive than creating wealth through new investment, the report says. In a sharp contrast to the cautious optimism expressed by other international agencies, such as the World Bank in its annual economic outlook published last week, Unctad says the world economy will continue to grow too slowly to make a dent in poverty and unemployment. It is against this subdued background that the new report predicts growing political tensions.

The 1920s and 1930s provide a stark and disturbing reminder of how quickly faith in markets and economic openness can be overwhelmed by political events, it says. Nor should there be any doubt that the burden of such international economic disintegration would be borne by those who can

The available figures suggest income distribution has become more unequal in almost all regions of the world during the past 20 years, with the possible exception of South Asia.

The increase in inequality has been particularly pronounced in China and the transition economies of eastern Europe. Inequality also grew in nine of the 16 richest economies in the world.

The report suggests that not only has growth of the world economy slowed, but the growth that takes place has also become more unequalising. During the Eighties, the rich got much richer but the income share of the middle class fell the world over. This phenomenon appears to be closely related to a sudden shift in policies giving a much greater role to market forces.

Unctad does not go so far as to call for a reversal of these forces. But it advises minimising the danger of a political backlash by making sure future trade liberalisation favours the poorest countries.



Paper chase: Another consolidation of the regional newspaper market is expected after Newsquest Media Group's

Predatory Newsquest plans £100m float

Newsquest Media Group, the regional paper company formed by a management buyout at the end of last year, is floating on the market. The move will make the chairman a multi-millionaire, and could spark another round of consolidation.

Cathy Newman reports

Newsquest Media Group, Britain's third-largest regional newspaper group, is to raise around £100m when it floats on the main market next month. Jim Brown, chairman, said the money would be used in part for further substantial acquisitions, and he hinted that the group could make a move on United News & Media's regional newspaper group if it came up for sale. Mr Brown, who engineered the £210m

buyout of the group from Reed International, will be worth about £4m through the deal. He will, together with five other senior management, own roughly 5 per cent of the company after the flotation.

Newsquest, which owns 173 newspapers, including the world's oldest newspaper, the Berrows Worcesur Journal, will be valued at around £500m.

City analysts were divided over whether Newsquest had chosen the right climate to come to the market. Some brokers have

forecast a sharp downturn in advertising far, not been affected." revenue which would hit regional newspaper stocks hard. However, Derek Terrington, media analyst at Teather & to such fears. Newsquest was well-placed cent of the group's operating profits." to expand in an industry which had been

consolidating over the last 18 months. Mr Brown said Newsquest would "have been undercut on the black market. to take a look" if United Provincial Newspapers came on the market.

Kohlberg Kravis Roberts which backed owns a 73 per cent stake will retain around £15.2m (£17.2m). 40 per cent of the business after flotation.

Shake-up heralds more job cuts at inchcape

Inchcape, the car distributor, yesterday announced a shake-up which could result in 1,000 redundancies. It has also been hit by the turmoil in the Far East Andrew Yates reports

Inchcape is accelerating the huge shake-up instigated by its new management team lead by the company's chairman, Sir Colin Marshall, and has now turned its attention to its troubled marketing division. The group plans to close many of its underperforming businesses in Asia and will make another substantial round of redundancies less than two years after announcing 2,000 job cuts. It is also considering withdrawing from some of its existing markets.

However, Inchcape moved to quell growing fears that plummeting value of currencies throughout South-east Asia would cause lasting damage to its business.

Philip Cushing, the group's chief executive, said: "Our important markets are Hong Kong and Singapore which have, so

He added: "Thailand is likely to remain difficult for some time. The combined operating profits of Thailand, Malaysia and Greenwood, said there was no substance Singapore, however, represent only 5 per

> Incheape lost £7m at its Russian Coca-Cola bottling plant, where Incheape has

Inchcape announced a fall in headline pre-tax profits to £78.8m (£82.8m) but underlying earnings rose 15 per cent. Newsquest's management buyout and Profits from the marketing division fell to

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Boring old National Grid comes to life on talk of Energis float

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growing increasingly excited about the possible flotation of its Energis telecommunica- stake had gone to the Olayan timated that Energis is worth around 50p a share to Grid shareholders.

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the most boring of the Con- James Capel, which is now servative government's pri- known by the name of its par-

The mystery started when to dismiss last week's flagging Hanson, the departed conglomerate which last year The shares rose 10p to a owned Eastern, sold its 12.5 274p peak with the market per cent interest. Buyer was HSBC, paying 192p share.

Within hours it was said the tions off-shoot. It has been es- Group, run by Suliman Olayan, a Saudi financier. There was talk at the time that the stockbroker had cov-

Just what transpired is still something of a mystery. For Trading started at around HSBC is still a among Grid

The rest of the market low.

moved ahead with Footsie up 54.7 points at 4,902.9. But trading was so thin there was a general mistrust of the market's strength.

Hopes that after the long holiday break fund managers and the rest would at least be prepared to generate a little action were again dashed. Most were content to remain on the sidelines As a result yesterday's market was rather

Stories were few and far between. A Seagram bid for EMI, the showbiz group, was given yet another whirl, lifting the shares 20.5p to 607p. Allied Domeco, seen as an

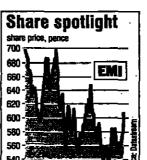
essential part of any Seagram deal, added 10.5p to 471p.

National Grid, probably volvement of stockbroker ket, losing £17.2m as a result. sion, falling 14.5p to 151.5p, a tinued. The Ukrainian stake Leisure, on hopes it will be ear-

US legislation dealt the latest blow. Thorn faces potential damages of \$120m. Cable & Wireless Com-

munications' revamp, left the shares 13p lower at 242p. JKX Oil & Gas held at 52p as the tug-of-war between Ramco Energy and Ukrainian

state-owned oil interests con-



was nudged a little higher to marked as the next vehicle for 11.75 per cent.

The foreshadowed Thomson belligerence in the already highly competitive holidays market lowered Airtours, the largest operator after Thomson, 17.5p to

P&O, with interim results on Thursday, steamed ahead 14p to 681.5p, with hopes of property deals and the Bovis scope for a significant re-ratflotation nullifying worries profits will be flat.

Granada, on talk of inestment presentations, rose next year. 7.5p to 798.5p; Argos, the catalogue stores chain, continued to benefit from analyst meetings, up 9p to 657.5p.

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TAKING STOCK

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to 22.5p.

Late excitement at Era, the struggling retailing chain. A chunk of shares, probably most of the Scottish Amicable 7.7 per cent stake, went through just as the market was closing, arousing hopes of a bid. A shake-up is under way and disposals are expected. The shares held at 4p against the 3p of the suspected ScotAm deal.

Premiere, the jobs agency opening in Dublin today and with nearly 30 branches in Britain, lifted interim profits from £210,000 to £319,000; around £1.1m against £961,000 seems likely for the year. The shares, floated at 133p, rose 3p to 162.5p.

American Port Services rose 8.5p to 186p, a peak. The company looks vulnerable to

11 per cent of the capital. stores chain, was the best pertive. It has downgraded its a bid. Aggressive Jacobs profits forecast for next year former, up 42 per cent to However Hanson, in its anxi-The music group's old part-Holdings sits menacingly on 247.5p on the £42.8m offer by £20m to £336m and says the They had to contend with ety to realise assets ahead of ner, the Thorn rental group. 6.5 per cent. form T&S Stores. Prestbury shares should be sold. the still largely unexplained in- its demerger, misread the marhad another distressing ses-The Independent Teleshare To access Real-Time Share Prices, 24 hours a day, call Market Leaders: Top 20 volumes Shell Transp-Reg 6.84m Woodwich PU Assoc BR Engine 8.51m Billion PLC 4892.0 up 10.6 4902.9 up 54.7 4674.4 up 26.2 12:00 4978.4 up 5.0 | B:00 4873.9 up 1.7 Spice Girls to play for GOLF Mandela Paner & Printing 50 0.00 1.1 0.1 0.00 1.2 0.00 1.2 0.00 1.2 0.00 1.2 0.00 1.0 0.00 | Color | Tries | Color | Colo 46 of Services

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East Asia performed economic 'miracle' by catching up



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ditions and everyone would be rich. Instead, econometric equations that create elaborate theories on things you really do not want to know.

But there is a small school of economists who try to answer the really difficult questions, even if their answers have to be hedged with qualifications. Two brands of inquiry are attracting much practical attention. One is whether there is something special about the rapid growth of East Asian countries; the other, to what extent does closer economic integration between apparently similar developed countries boost their collective growth.

Examination of the first has been spurred by the explosion of growth in Southeast Asia. Singapore and Hong Kong (seen as a separate entity from China) have achieved the income per head typical of Enropean and North American nations - both have a higher income per head than the UK. While developing countries lifted their economic performance in the past 15 years, Asia has massively outperformed the rest. Some indication of this out-performance is shown in the graph on the left, taken from the new annual report of the IMF. Not only is the region producing rather more even growth, but the range of 6-10 per cent is outstanding by any criterion.

Gradually a body of work is being put together to explain this out-performance. The overall message is that this is not a miracle but can be explained mostly in terms

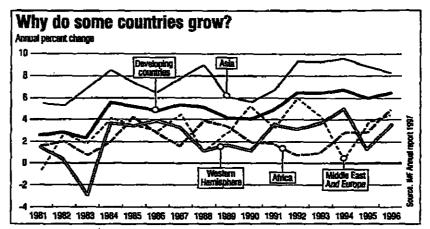
Why do some countries get rich when oth- foreign investment. We live in an age where ers don?? If you think about it, almost noth-information can cross national bounding else matters in economics. Alas, it is aries in a few moments and this investment one of those elementary and fascinating transfers not just money but brings knowquestions to which economists usually how know how to manufacture in the first mumble inadequate answers. If we knew, instance but subsequently how to market it would all be easy: put in the right con- and develop new products. But the first phase of growth in East Asia has been economists have focused on more arcane driven by low wages, which has combined with technology transfer to enable the region to produce western quality goods at much lower prices.

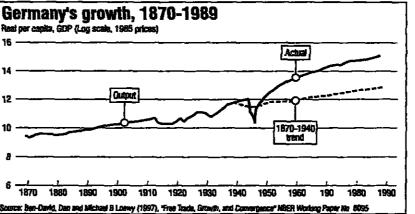
After a while, the very success pushes up wage rates so that labour costs in, say, Korea, are now higher than in the UK. Success in the middle market forces countries further upmarket, a transition they find difficult to achieve. Japan, the classic case of catch-up, has hit a glass ceiling: it has had the slowest growth rate over the last five years of any of the Group of Seven.

This leads to the second question. Once countries are no longer catching up, how might they improve their performance? This is a practical question for Europe at the moment for it seems that the better performance of western Europe since the end of the war has been closely associated with closer economic integration. Take for example Germany.

The second graph shows what might have happened to German growth had it continued on the slow and steady upward path established in the second half of the last century, and in particular how growth leaps upwards after 1950. Similar results come from other western European countries, which suggest that growth in international trade enabled a step-change in economic performance.

Both world wars saw a sudden dip in output, but after the first war growth resumed at the pre-war rate, whereas it leapt upwards of catch-up. East Asia has created a busi- after the second. But in the 1920s there was ness-friendly environment which welcomes relatively little trade liberalisation (and





Some bankers never throw in the towel, unfortunately,

Rodger McArthur, chief of the

Sainsbury Bank venture set up

by the supermarket giant and

his own Bank of Scotland, was

never going to give up after

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1950s and 1960s trade was progressively is two-fold. One is that the world technol-

grow and how international trade assists for centuries to around 2 per cent over the growth - will be discussed today at a meet- last 100 years. The other is that countries Policy Research, starting with a presenta- gards to the forefront of technology with tion by Professor Dan Ben-David of Tel-the right policies.

some reversal in the 1930s), while in the Aviv University. The core of his argument ogy is increasing productivity at a rate which These two issues - what makes countries changes over time: from near-zero growth ing organised by the Centre for Economic can move themselves from technical lag-

So if you are a long way behind you do not particularly need to invent anything yourself. You simply apply other people's inventions and you will catch up with the leaders. But to do so you need to apply appropriate policies.

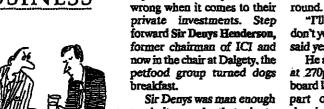
But what if you are at the frontier, if you are, say, Switzerland, with the highest standard of living in the world? I suppose Professor Ben-David's response would be to press on with trade liberalisation and become even more specialised. That would seem to be common sense. I suppose too that it is important to avoid waste: to finetune an economy so that scare capital and scarce human skills are not blown on projects which do not yield an adequate return.

At the end of the day, though, if the world's technology is delivering only 2 per cent growth and you are at the forefront of that technology, you have to learn to live with that sort of advance.

Indeed, it is worse than that. Much of the fruits of that additional productivity will be mopped up by adverse demographic factors. If there are fewer people of working age relative to children and the old, workers will have to accept lower living standards than otherwise would be the case, to support people not at work. It is interesting that real take-home pay has hardly risen in France and Germany over the last 15 years despite good growth in productivity.

I would add a further element. GNP per head, the usual measure of economic performance, is itself flawed. For example, if there is an increase in car crime and people as a result have to put alarms in their cars, that shows up as growth in GDP. But living standards are not higher as a result of the increase in crime; in fact they are lower. So any rise in GNP that is the result of increased disruption in society - more legal fees, higher bureaucratic costs -should be taken with the caution it deserves.

PEOPLE & **BUSINESS**



Sir Denys was man enough to admit yesterday that prior to joining the Dalgety board he had bought a few shares in a

private capacity. He first bought in at 316p and then subscribed to the

Encouragement for armchair 1995 rights issue at 335p. And a link between its international the current share price? 274.5p, investors everywhere - even captains of industry can call it a nice little loss-maker all

> "I'll get my money back, don't you worry about that," he said yesterday.

He also bought a few shares at 270p when he joined the board last year. So at least one part of his investment is showing a profit, however celebrate "the strong business

profession, a management consultancy's attempt to draw operation that employs 700 a whole range of things from ference in Bali.

ambitions and the marriage of Queen Victoria and Prince Albert looks a little tenuous.

But the consultancy -Roland Berger & Partner - is German, and last night it played host to the denizens of the expatriate German business community at London's Victoria and Albert Museum to relationship between Britain and Germany today", and to Even by the standards of its inark its own 30th birthday.

If you have not heard of an

consultants around the world. Storehouse and the publisher producing fees last year of of this very newspaper to the more than £150m, do not be Hong Kong Securities Review dismayed. Committee, the chances are things are going to get a little

Still run by Roland Berger, himself in his 60th year, it has just 55 professionals in the

But since the London arm is now headed by the remarkably youthful-looking Tim Simpson, former UK managing director of Arthur D Little, and Ian Hay Davison, who helped make Arthur Andersen the force it is today before chairing

Unable to attend in person, he agreed to deliver his address via satellite.

Because of the time difference, that meant he had to perform live - garbed in a grocer's white coat and pork pie hat and standing in front of a display of breakfast cereals from a Sainsbury branch in Glasgow at the ungodly hour of

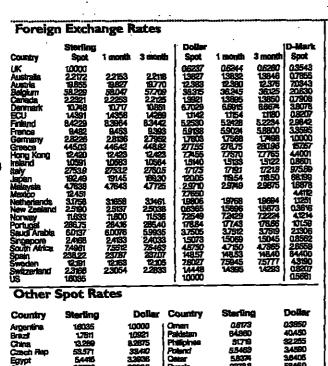
But while the pictures got through, the sound didn't. Never one to give up, Mr McArthur borrowed the cameraman's mobile phone and job.

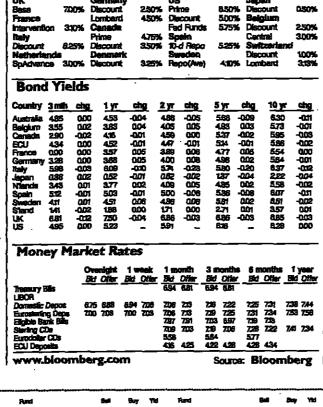
gave his speech. That phone. however, packed up and he hastily had to borrow another mobile from the sound engincer.

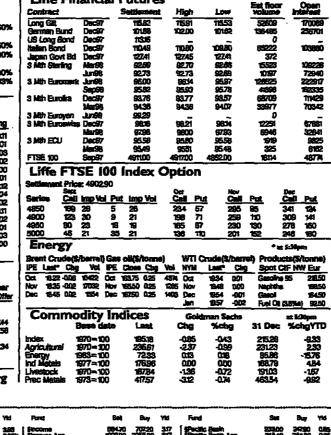
Unfortunately for the Asian audience, Mr McArthur's persistence meant they had to endure his favourite banking joke: "What's the difference between a banker and a supermarket trolley?"

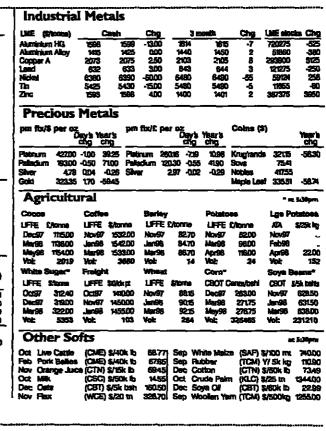
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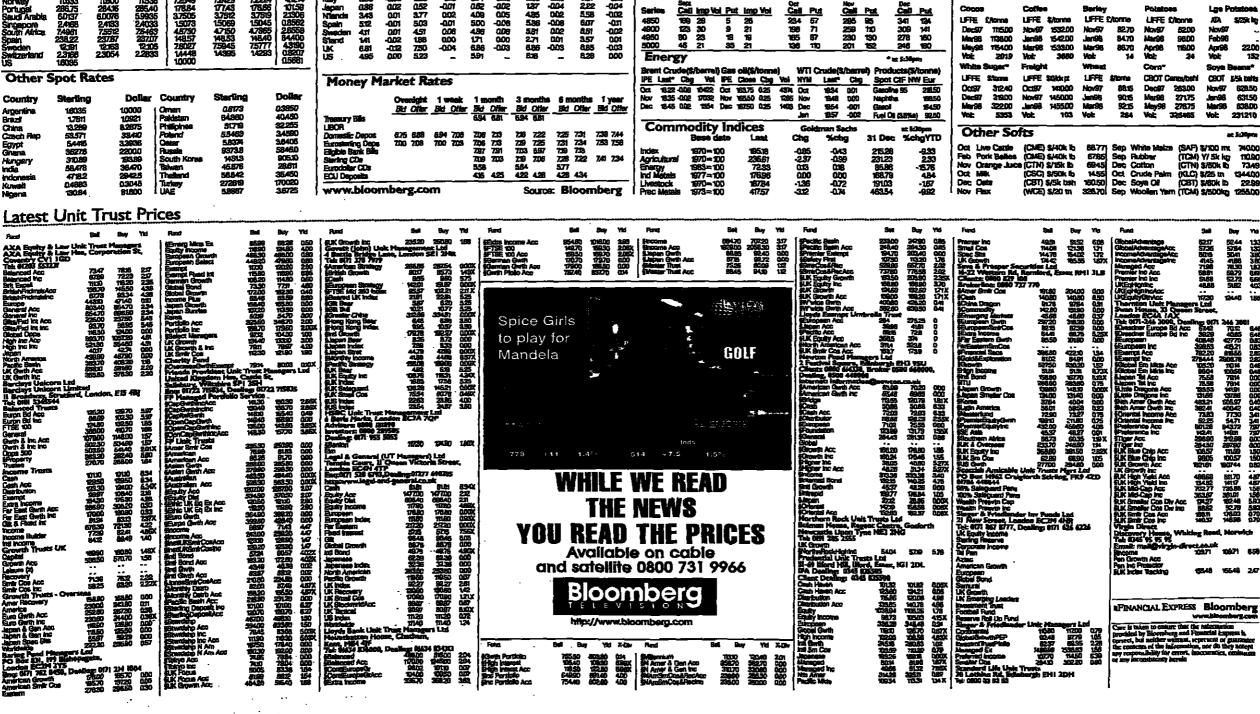
in a banker ... Whatever else you do Mr McArthur, don't give up the day











MacLaurin fails to break down barrier

The decision of the counties to reject the most radical of the proposals for changes to English cricket was not a surprise. Derek Pringle, Cricket Correspondent, believes that the plans failed to address the game's problems

Most of the players who sanctioned change wanted it. The chairman of the ECB, Lord MacLaurin, wanted it, and according to those convinced of the game's decline, cricket wanted it. Crucially, however, 12 of the 19 votes of the First Class Forum, the ones who could actually implement such a thing. did not agree, and cricket's Brave New World of a two-division championship has ended up as afternoon tea as usual.

As expected it was probably an 'us and them' vote, with counties like Lancashire, Surrev. Nottinghamshire and Yorkshire - those six who own Test match grounds - likely to have voted for two divisions, while the others opposed it. Instead, an "all play all" championship with increased prize money remains. the only change being the addition of a knock-out "Super The former England captain Ian Cup" for the top eight, to replace the Benson and Hedges Cup. This is in addition to a twodivision National One-day League and an expanded "FA Cup-style Natwest Trophy.

To those who have dealt with the counties either as players or as members of the media (your correspondent is twice

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blessed, or cursed, depending on your outlook), the outcome is not that surprising. Neither of the two more radical proposals, the ECB's three-conference system or the two divisions, really provided a vastly superior model to the current status quo.

From the moment they were made public, the baseball-style conferences were always going to be a non-starter. Any system that can allow a team to win far fewer games than their closest rival and still be champions must be flawed. As for the proposed 25-match one-day league, and for all its potential moneymaking largesse, the words tedious and tiresome come to ers becoming a priority rather than an rarity.

Of course two divisions would probably have shaken some of the complacency out of cricket. There are too many soft games of cricket, but tougher scraps over promotion and relegation are unlikely to attract both younger and larger crowds or improve the lot of the England side. In case it matters, no one watches Sheffield Shield



mind, with bits and pieces play- A new dawn for English cricket? The sun rising yesterday over the St Lawrence Ground at Canterbury, Kent's headquarters

et, or Red Stripe Cup cricket. and they still turn out decent game followed in the media.

It is a difficult act to balance, but while the best need rest, the rest need better cricket. Twelve years ago, Essex's overseas player was a masterful batsman

up on South Africa's Currie Cup, McEwan actually pre-Test cricketers. Let's face it, ferred county cricket as it gave county cricket is essentially a him more innings in the middle. Contrast that with the way most bowlers feel, and you begin to realise the difficult scope of

Lord MacLaurin's task.

In fact, a pepping-up of the championship with promotion play for their counties.

cricket, or Ranji Trophy crick- called Ken McEwan. Brought and relegation would place even more pressure on our Test players to serve two masters.

> Solutions can only hope to be found once an elite squad is contracted to the ECB, and players like Darren Gough and Dominic Cork - who have missed far too much recent Test cricket through injury - do not feel obliged to ECB pyramid, have failed. Despite his claims that the incre-

mental change of evolution and Although he was upbeat not revolution has been started, about the outcome of his meetmany will wonder whether his ing at the press conference afposition as chairman of the terwards - after all, the majority ECB is still tenable. of the "Raising the Standard" Persuasive though he is, blueprint was in fact accepted MacLaurin has been unable to - Lord MacI aurin must surereach into the private fieldoms ly be miffed that changes to the that dominate the county game. county game, the apex of the

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game more competitive and of

more interest. It's disappointing

to say the least that we have not

has failed to move, by more than a smidgen, the entrenched rituals of county cricket. It has been, by common consent, a thankless task. The issues are complex and deepseated, and not easily solveable by mere structural changes. Improving the competitiveness of the England team was apthought there was everything to parently the original raison d'être for the blueprint. In the ensuing mêlée that has been lost

sight of. Let us hope it can be

put right by winning the 1999

World Cup.

Having said earlier that he

would not tolerate inertia, he

Inzamam confronts barracker

The sight of a leading Pakistani player armed with a bat striding into the crowd to confront a spectator, whose abuse and barracking had been amplified by a megaphone, was the unwelcomed highlight of the Sharjah Cup in Toronto on

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Sunday. Play was held up for 37 minutes when Inzamam ul-Haq took drastic action after being subjected to personal and religious abuse while fielding on the boundary during the match against Índia.

The 27-year-old Inzamam marched into the stands, picking up a bat enroute, to face the spectator. A section of the 4,000strong crowd went wild, throwing bottles and other debris on to the ground. Play was halted while Inzamam was escorted away and the teams retreated to their dressing-rooms.

The reaction of the International Cricket Council was to find the Test batsman guilty of "conduct unbecoming an international cricket player and for bringing the game into disrepute". He has been suspended for the next two cup matches - tomorrow and Saturday and will be suspended for a third match if he misbehaves again before the end of the year.

"He's a wonderful batsman, but I don't know how good a boxer he is," Geoff Boycott, the TV commentator and former England batsman, said.

For the record, India won the second of the oneday games by seven wickets and lead the five-match series 2-0.

'We're in the biggest mess ever' says Botham

Botham led a chorus of disapproval in response to the decison by the chairmen of the first-class counties to reject Lord MacLaurin's proposals for restructuring the county game, and not to embrace a twodivision championship involving promotion and relegation.

until September 8th.

Today we publish the latest results of The

player scores are calculated on all games

Independent Fantasy Football League. The

played up to and including September 14th.

The league table includes all scores played

lish cricket," Botham said. "The chance to put it right. But these people who have made this decision I can only think have made it for their own clubs. What's going to happen is there's going to be a breakaway of maybe eight of the top sides - possibly the seven or eight who wanted to play two divisions.

"It's a terrible day for Eng- mess we've been in. We had the pointed. When the PCA did a

people live in their little ivory towers. The biggest problem is that they think that the game is such I have to say this is a decifor the members. It's not. It's for the whole country." Matthew Fleming, the Kent

all-rounder and chairman of the Professional Cricketers' As- for no change and as far as I am "I think we're in the biggest sociation, said: "I am disap-

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per cent of them voted for a two divisional championship and as sion which fudges the issue. There is a lot of momentum and now is the time to change. I didn't think there was an option concerned this is no change."

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Jim Cumbes, Lancashire's made any progress."

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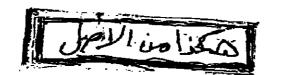
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Tight in the title race as Fallon surges on

Three winners at Nottingham yesterday took Kieren Fallon six ahead of Frankie Dettori in the race for the Flat jockeys' championship. Their rivalry revives images of another tightly fought contest 10 seasons ago. Then, as now, writes Greg Wood raw power contrasted with style in a duel between the country's two top riders that lasted until the final day

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It is exactly 10 years since one question both defined and divided punters throughout Britain. As Pat Eddery and Steve Cauthen scrapped for the jockeys' championship in a title race which came down to the final day of the season, anyone who follows the horses was ejwan di ther for Pat or for Steve. You did not need to have money riding on the outcome, and for many the choice was one from the heart, beyond explanation. One thing, however, was for certain neutrality was not an option.

of the season.

And now it may be happening again, as Kieren Fallon and in the betting shops and on the birthday.

racecourse terraces into opwhen Cauthen secured the title 3,000-odd races left to run, the very different paths to the top.

Back then, Eddery was the grafter, who had ridden his first winner as an apprentice in 1969 and climbed the ladder without missing a rung. Cauthen, as elegant in the saddle as his rival was forceful, bad won the American Triple Crown on Affirmed as a teenager, before walking straight into gilt-edged jobs in Britain, first with Robert Sangster and then with Henry Cecil.

If you wanted Eddery then, you will probably want Fallon now. The taxi-driver's son from Co Clare is equal parts talent and determination, and gets the best from his mounts whether they like it or not.

The six-mouth suspension he received five years ago for hauldle would have finished many riders. Fallon not only returned, but he returned as a better jockey, having spent his long holi-

day riding work in the States. For Cauthen, meanwhile, read Dettori, the son of a champion jockey, nurtured almost from adolescence by Luca Cumani, and the winner of two Group Ones at Ascot on the same afternoon when he was Frankie Dettori tug the backers two months short of his 20th

Just three weeks ago, the er know what's round the cor- other suspension. Fallon meantwo men involved have taken after losing several weeks' work though, it is Dettori who trails,

> and the gap just will not close. three winners in an afternoon Fallon rode five the same day. Yesterday, at Nottingham, Dettori rode a double - again Falion went one better, recording a 41-1 treble. The sequence in the first four races yesterday

RICHARD EDMONDSON NAP: Ginger Snap (Yarmouth 3.10) NB: Mr Paradise (Sandown 3.50)

was Dettori, Fallon, Dettori, Fallon. If this is how they are Doncaster on Saturday which ing another jockey from his sad- riding with eight weeks to go, who knows what the final fortnight will bring.

knowledge that Dettori will be and nothing more than a fair been dealt. "You only have to banned for six days from Sunday, Fallon is now the deserved tori was aboard Yorkie George, favourite, as even Matty Cow- an improving three-year-old

ing, his rival's agent, admits. "Kieren's in the hot seat at the moment," Cowing said yesdoubt about that. But you nev- way through and risk yet an- through the door.

with a broken elbow. Now, fort, and for Cowing, it is always "us", not "him" (Dave Pollingwith 138 winners to Fallon's 145 ton, Fallon's agent, is the same). He shares the frustration when Last week Dettori rode a possible winner goes begging, as several trained by David Dettori earlier this season, have done recently.

> any trainer, he goes for the best winners.

best summed up the way the title race has started to turn. Fal-Ion was on Russian Music, an pontoon, few would care to bet But with a lead, and the 8-1 chance, able but exposed each-way chance at best. Det- stand in a betting shop," Cowand preferred by the market at Frankie fans." Unless, of

got six days, he's looking good Dettori was stuck behind a wall and he's a very good jockey, no of horses, unwilling to force his be lucky to force your way Riding weight: 8st 4lb

posing camps. Just as in 1987, Italian was long-odds on to re- ner in life, and we'll have some while, was sailing down the gain the title he won for the first good trainers, like Luca Cumani outside with a perfectly judged with just one of the season's time in 1994, and lost last year and Ian Balding, to back up challenge, and with the Irishman 3,000-odd races left to run, the -to the evergreen Eddery - only John Gosden and Godolphin." doing the persuading there was doing the persuading there was The title push is a team ef- no sign of Russian Music's tendency to idle after hitting the front.

"That was a great ride," Pollington said yesterday," and Midnight Line at Doncaster last week was another. I think Loder, a frequent employer of he's probably 2lb or 3lb better than anyone else, you only have to look in the back of the Rac-We've got a lot of borses to ing Post and you'll see that if ride," Cowing says, "and it's just you'd backed everything he's ridbeen that whenever he's want- den with a pound this year, you'd ed us, we can't ride them, so like be £117 up. That tells a story."

The moral of which is that jockey he can get." And that, of Dettori (level stakes loss on the course, will often mean Kieren season: £38) is winning on hors-Fallon, most recently on Gold- es which start with every chance, en Fortune, one of yesterday's while Fallon, riding like a man possessed, is doing the business But it was the handicap on both favourites and outwhich preceded the St Leger at siders. That, at the moment, is inching him towards the title. Yet after a contest with

more twists than 20 hands of that the final cards have now ing said yesterday, "and you'll hear the Kieren fans and the course, the championship goes But while Frankie was still all the way to a murky Monday terday, "six in front, and we've hacking with a furlong to run, afternoon at Folkestone in November, in which case you will



FRANKIE DETTORI Winners: 138 Previous best: 233 (1994)

Riding weight: 8st 4lb



KIEREN FALLON Previous best: 136 (1996) Age: 32

RACING'S FUTURES MARKET

Ayr Gold Cup Handicap (6f)					
Horse (Carrenage)	Coral	Willem III	Lachrokas	Total	
Double Action (T Easterby Bst 125)	12-1	10-1	10-1	12-1	
Plateir D'Amour (N Calaghan 3st 3t)	10-1	12-1	10-1	12-1	
My Bust Valendan (V Scene 9st Jb)	14-1	1 2-1	14-1	14-1	
My Melody Plates (J Burry 8st 4b)	16-1	16-1	14-1	16-1	
No Enters (G.), Moore 7st 128:1	18-1		14-1	16-1	
Oggi (P Materiale: 5to)	12-1	14-7	21	16-1	
Facusty Less (Ld Hurengdon 7st 13b)	20-1	20-1	15-1	20-1	
Pension For Life (G.Level/Est 19b)	20-1	20-1	14-1	20-1	
Benninginding the [M W Enstetty 3st 11k]	15-1	25-1	15-1	25-1	
Emerging Martest (J Dunkspiller 126)	£.9	26.1		25-1	
Proud Native ,A ,lanva, Std: 5tb:	201	23-1	14-1	33-1	

Horse (Janus, weight)	Coral	William Hill	Legiproliza	Total
Present (M Present Sst 96)	12-1	12-1	10:1	12-1
Labor (P Wateryn Sst 50:1	14-1	21	12-1	14-1
Arryses (S Hills Set 4b)	15-1	14-1	16-1	16-1
Cross Court 1, Comen St 11b)	20-1	20-1	16-1	25-1
Hawkaley Hill (Mrs.) Ramsden: 3st 10c1	16-1	20-1		20-1
Kernemera Star (J.Duntop 7st 58:1	16-1	14-1	14-1	20-1
Sandrocor Chambrey (7 Exsterts 3st 10th	20-1	29-1	20-1	20-1
Sample (N. R. Hern Bot 10th)	20-1	20-1		20-1
Southerly Wind (Uts.: Remeden 9st 18)	20-1	20-1	20-1	16 -1
Another Time (S Wbods, Set 17k)	33-1	201	16-1	25-1

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SANDOWN

HYPERION 2.15 Gipsy Moth 4.25 Bel Canto 2.45 Dark Moondancer 4.55 Demier Croise 5.25 REHAAB (nap) 3.20 Howaida 3.50 Kamin

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GOING: Found course – Good to Firm; Sprint course – Good, Good to Firm in places.

STALLS: Sf course – far side; remainder – inside.

DRAW ADVANTAGE: High for 5t, 7t & tm.

Fight-hand course. Separate stiff at track.

Course is on A307, four miles south of Kingston. Esher rail station (service from London, Waterloo) sights course. ADMISSION: Caub Sti, Jurnor Cabo (17 – 21ym) \$13; Grandstand & Paddock Stir; Park £4. CAR PARK: £2 in members, remainder free.

ILEADING TRANICRS: R Hamnon 39 wires from 35 rates gives a success ratio of 121%, J Gosden 25-121 (207%). M Stouts 24-149 (161%), J Duniop 23-118 (165%).

ILEADING TRANICRS: Pat Eddery 63 wins from 281 rides gives a success ratio of 121%, J Leading Joseph (165%).

ILEADING JOCKEYS: Pat Eddery 63 wins from 281 rides gives a success ratio of 224%, L Dettorl 53-249 (213%). M Roberts 27-199 (143%), T Quinn 27-201 (134%).

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LONG-DISTANCE RUNNETS: One Singer (255) has been sent 269 miles by M Johnston

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3.20 LEG BEFORE LIMITED STAKES (CLASS D) £5,000 added 7f Penalty Value £3,631

3.50 MARTIN BICKNELL BENEFIT HANDICAP (CLASS D) £6,000 added 3YO 1m Penalty Value £4,572

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BETTING: 9-4 Tonight's Priza, 11-4 Bet Carlot, 5-1 London Lights, 15-2 Mrs Milisher, 16-1 Dukha Plagatép, 12-1 Pradesh, 14-1 Beacon Salve, Meshata, 16-1 Lysandros, 25-1 others 1896. Congo Man 3 9 0 J Reid 11-4 (M Stoute) drawn (9 5 mm)

FORM GUIDE

TONIGHT'S PRIZE can gain a throughly wal deserved first success after playing second fiddle in the last three of his five outings. Chris Walfs charge went under only a head to market leader Chief Monarch here at the end of July and by the same mergin against Dr Martens at Windsor – both over a mile – and was besten a length and a quarter by one-time 1996 Derby fewomes Seccho over today's journey at Lalcoster a week ago. John Gooden, who trains Saccho, runs Sal Casto, Lyssandros and Pradest and the first named tooks the pick of them with Franche Dettor in the saddle, Bel Canto, besten 13 lengths when third to Dettien at York two weeks ago, is bound to have progressed with that first run under his belt.

Selection: TONIGHTS PRIZE

4.55) DISMISSAL' CLAIMING STAKES (CLASS E) £4,025 added | 4.55 | DISMISSAL' CLAIMENG STANES (CLASS) | Mississ |

HAPPY DAYS AGAIN would have more to do in a headicap and is nicely drawn. Joh HAPPY DAYS AGAIN would have more to do in a handlesp and is tildely drawn. John Whentonts numer led briefly at the two-funding marker when fourth of 8 to Princely Her (winner of the Group One Helitz 57 Phoenix States lest month) on her debut at Ripon in May, Runner-up at Southwell the following month, she made it third time backy when getting home by a head in a field of 8 on a return to Ripon and was a fair fifth of 5 behind Jay Geo in a Newmerian numery, Junior Mintflin is on a hashrick and Plespoint is in a first-time visor after running fourth of 19 to Chimalder by a veluable York runnery, but for the forecast Dower Soul looks best. Last time she was third against Bermuda Boy in a 7-numer melden auction at Salebury.

Selection: HAPPY DAYS AGAIN

5.25 END OF SEASON APPRENTICE HANDICAP (CLASS E) £4,025 added 1m 2f Panalty Value £2,764

YARMOUTH

HYPERION 2.05 Superbelle (nb) 2.35 Fascinating Rhythm 3.10 Mary Comwallis 3.40 Spender Petite Danseuse 4.45 Generous Embrace

GOING: Good to Firm (Firm in back straight) STALLS: Straight course - stands side; Round course - inside. DRAW ADVANTAGE; High for 5/ to 1m. Left-hand course, level and fax.
Course is north of town on A149. Yeu MISSION: Club \$12; Tattersalls \$8.50; Family and course endo-

SUITE \$4.50 (CAPS £1.50), CAR PARIC: £1; rest free.

LEADING TRAINERS: C Britisin - 23 wins from 171 runners gives a success ratio of 13.5%, H Cecil 22-84 (23.4%), J Goeden 18-103 (17.5%), M Bell 15-87 (17.2%). III LEADING JOCKEYS: M Hills 30 was from 176 rides gives a

success ratio of 170%, L Dettori 26-32 (197%), W Ryan 23-141 (16.3%), Pat Eddery 20-90 (22.2%). FAVOURITES: 188-539 (348%). BLINKERED FIRST TIBLE: Le Grand Gousier (205); Superbelle (205); Old Roma (415); Wahab (visored, 4.5); Gunners Giory (vi-

SOTED, 415).
WHINNERS IN THE LAST SEVEN DAYS: None. LONG-DISTANCE RUNNIERS: Patrick (205) has been sert 259 miles by D Burchel from Briery Hill, Gwent.

2.05 BROOKE CLAIMING STAKES (CLASS E) £4,500 added 3YO 1m 3f 101yds

-7 declared BETTING: 11-4 Superbelle, 3-1 Lagues Bay, 7-2 Heart Full Of Sool, 7-1
Go Hence, 8-1 Bevellching Lady, 10-1 Le Grand Gousier, Petrick

2.35 JOHN MUSKER STAKES (Listed) (CLASS A) £16,250 added fillies 1m 2f (CLASS A) £16,250 BIOGEO TIMES 1711 27
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2. Silema Creek evens fav; 3. Going For Broks 7-1.6 ran. 12,4 (M Pipe) Tota: 1340;
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Juninho leads the Madrid revolutionaries

Atletico Madrid, who entertain Leicester in the Uefa Cup tonight, have always played in the shadow cast by their internationally famous neighbours Real Madrid. However, the team are hoping that the acquisition of Juninho from Middlesbrough will prove the catalyst for a change. Phil Show reports from Madrid

Juninho's adoring public in Middlesbrough would have a surprise if they saw the stage for which he forsook the English game. One of the most striking things about the Vicente Calderon Stadium, where Atletico Madrid's £11m man renews hostilities with Leicester City tonight, is how similar its setting is to the Riverside Stadium.

Atletico's home stands in the old industrial quarter of the Spanish capital, even closer to the murky waters of the Manzanares than Boro are to the Tees. And instead of the ICI plant which dominates the skyline in his previous habitat, Juninho now passes a massive gasworks as he drives to the ground.

Ah yes, driving. The roads which service the Riverside scarcely compare with the sixlane Madrid ring road that roars directly beneath the Vicente Calderon's main stand, parallel to the touchline, around the clock. When the lorries, cars and coaches are moving thick and fast, it is said that Juninho's new constituency in the upper tier can feel the floor gently vibrating.

Despite this unique feature, the Leicester fans queuing for tickets yesterday would have recognised it as a fairly typical inner-city stadium, albeit one with 57,000 seats. The shock, at least with regard to Juninho, is that the diminutive Brazilian was arenas: Maracana, San Siro, Nou Camp, Old Trafford, et al.

At the risk of offending Atletico's no-

Jesus Gil, even their most ardent followers would be pushed to justify the inclusion of this venue on such a list.

Yet the very presence of El Niño, "The Little One", is proof of Gil's 10-year crusade, nay obsession, to make Atletico one of Europe's great clubs. Likewise a summer outlay of £38m which also secured Christian Vieri for £12.5m, plus the much vaunted Jordi Lardin from Espanyol, and three others.

Atletico have occasionally flirted with the status enjoyed by Milan, Ajax and company. In 1962 they became the second-ever holders of the Cup-Winners' Cup, having disposed of Leicester, by strange coincidence, in the second round. Twelve years on there was a Champions' Cup final, where they were well beaten by Bayern Munich. But their image has always suffered by a very parochial comparison.

Real Madrid, with all their European Cups, glamour and popularity, give a fresh twist to the topical notion of neighbours from hell. Whatever Atletico achieve under Gil and his estimable coach, the former Luton player Raddy Antic, they appear destined to live with the knowledge that Real will always be the bigger noise.

The contrast between the clubs' grounds tities and place in the national and international hierarchy. Real's Bernabeu trees, lawns and monuments.

Atletico can be likened to that of the Man- job. Gil hired and fired 27 coaches or manchester clubs, Real's high profile fostering agers in his first seven years, including Ron a contempt bordering on paranoia among Atkinson. Atletico's fans. They claim, for instance, that the true Madrilenos do not support Real. as if he has found someone he trusts to chal-Derby games take on a meaning which tran-lenge Real and Barcelona. That Antic was scends local enmity. "If we beat them," Gil previously sacked by Real doubtless makes so clearly born to grace the game's great claimed before one, "there'll be a nation- him a kindred spirit. Atletico's recent



reveals much about their respective iden- Focal point: the new Atletico will be 'a cyclone with Juninho at its centre', according to the club's president

Stadium lies on a salubrious thoroughfare become synonymous with failure, Anticled called the Castellana, and does not look out Atletico to their first Spanish double in 1996. of place among the museums, mansions, The subsequent anti-climax, both at domestic level and in the Champions' The relationship between Real and League, would normally have cost him his

However, in the 47-year-old Antic, it is spending spree drew both on the fortune Atletico, though, have tended to beat Gil has accumulated in property and finance Real more often than City defeat United -he is also mayor of Marbella, with the retoriously volatile president and owner, (not difficult) and while Maine Road has sort's name emblazoned on their shirts -

and the television money with which Spanish football is currently awash.

Antic watched Juninho play four times in nine days for Middlesbrough last spring, including the Coca-Cola Cup final against Leicester. "What I saw was a little man with a big heart who never wilted," he said. "We will build a team around Juninho but I want him to have a free role. With players of his calibre, tactics can be counter-productive."

The new Atletico could not have faced a sterner test than to visit Real in the opening fixture. Juninho scored in a 1-1 draw, and looked sharper still as Valladolid were vanquished 5-0. Some pundits claimed Atletico were about to sweep all before them. The notion was disabused by Saturday's

1-0 loss at Bilbao. A late sitter squandered by Juninho offered Martin O'Neill's spies encouraging evidence of his mortality.

Gil, who had pronounced the restructured side "a cyclone with Juninho at its centre", saw it as a temporary setback. For Antic's sake it had better be: his boss once described a Real player as "about as welcome as a piranha fish in a bidet", though he could have been talking about himself.

While avenging the disappointment that Steve Claridge inflicted on Juniaho in the Coca-Cola Cup final will be of no concern to the president, a big win would provide reassurance that Antic is taking Atletico in the for Kamark shackling Juninho and the desired direction. Tonight Leicester, tomorrow, if Gil gets his way, the Real world.

Kamark the man for the main job

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Whenever he broke away to join his team mates in the morning sun at Atletico Madrid's training centre, Pontus Kamark was called back for another interview with the Spanish media. It is not every day, after all, that you meet the man who had Brazil's pocket rocket in his pocket.

Leicester's manager, Martin O'Neill, would not confirm that Kamark would be instructed to shadow Juninho again in tonight's Uefa Cup first round, first leg, match with Atletico. But as the versatile Swede marked him out of the Coca-Cola Cup final against Middlesbrough, it will be a surprise if he is not. The difference, as O'Neill pointed out, is that Atletico have more players who can assume the creative mantle if their driving force is subdued.

"There's a danger of concentrating too much on Juninho because he's the one we know," he said. "By the end of the two games I'm sure we'll know other Atletico players equally well."

He has seen Atletico twice, once in the flesh and is under no illusions. "At times they build up slowly, then it suddenly becomes explosive," he said, as much in admiration as in trepidation.

Quite what Raddy Antic, his opposite number, has made of Leicester is harder to gauge. He had them watched in the defeat at Sheffield and and in Saturday's rout of Tottenham. "That was a heck of an improvement, "O'Neill said." If Hillsborough had been our last match, they wouldn't have expected many problems with us," O'Neill

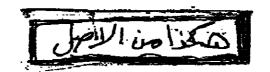
He believed Atletico would be "very wary" of Emile Heskey. Antic will warn his team about Leicester's indomitable spirit, but must be confident that their highspeed touch play will find a way through, or round, a defence noted for aerial power rather than mobility.

Thirty six years ago, Gordon Banks saved a penalty but Atletico beat Leicester 2-0 here to advance in the Cup Winners' Cup. In 1980, John Robertson, O'Neill's No 2, won the European Cup for Nottingham Forest in Madrid. Two years later, O'Neill thought he had scored for Northern Ireland in the World Cup at tonight's venue, only for the referee to rule otherwise and France to win comfortably.

If history is to repeat itself, both will set-Leicester upsetting the odds once more.

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TONIGHT'S UEFA CUP FOOTBALL: CELTIC v LIVERPOOL

Fervour tempered by respect and realism

Tonight's encounter between Ceitic and Liverpool is the first European meeting of English and Scottish clubs for five years. Glenn Moore reports from Glasgow

It is 32 years since Celtic and Liverpool met in a competitive fixture but they will hardly be strangers. Celtic, or more accurately, their supporters, are the biggest testimonial draw in the game and the two teams - a £600,000 steal that owed have met regularly in the last few seasons. The most poignant of these occasions was in April 1989, in a match for the victims of Hillsborough, and the relationship forged then has en-

For that reason, rather than will not be the customary antitonight. There will be fervour, but it will be tempered with respect and realism.

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Little pleads for patience

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ror last term, when the Swedes completes a European suspen-

said. The main thing is to be pair of the former Prench in-

sensible, not get carried away ternational Jean-Pierre Papin

Wenger warning for Arsenal

Arsène Wenger can pass on his both times the atmosphere was

their Uefa Cup tie against Champions' Cup four years

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and try and keep as calm as you and Lilian Laslandes.

Little's team are in France were this time last year."

the force of old, not yet. They have to make." Part of the the rebuilding road than Celtic though and will be deserved favourites for the two-legged tie.

"Liverpool are such a high quality side it is clearly going to be very difficult for us," Wim Jansen, Celtic's Dutch coach, said yesterday. Jansen has signed seven players and he added: "We have made progress, we will know after these games how much progress." Henrik Larsson, already a cult hero after his transfer from Peyenoord much to Jansen's inside knowledge - is Celtic's cutting edge, with the wide midfielders Regi Blinker and Andreas Thom his most likely providers.

An English Celt is relishing the night most. Alan Stubbs is not having the best of times at any new maturity following last Celtic but, as a life-long Everweek's devolution vote, there ton fan, the moment he heard the draw was, he said, "a once ssenach mood at Celtic Park in lifetime" experience. "There is no point in thinking this tie and those stirring anthems with is too soon. There will be an English-blood-curdling lyrics, electric atmosphere and we have every chance."

Stubbs may be up against Celtic may have won six Robbie Fowler who, said Roy matches in succession but no- Evans, "has done a little bit of training over the weekend and erwell and St Johnstone are an I'm very happy with him. It adequate warm-up act for Liv- would be a brave decision to erpool. Not that Liverpool are play Robbie but it is one I may

Villa took a 19-man squad to

Savo Milosevic, who is strug-

sion which started two years ago.

Dennis Bergkamp has been

are considerably further along problem is who to leave out. Michael Owen is the obvious choice but he has been out-performing Kariheinz Riedle. The most likely solution is to have Fowler on the bench.

The last time an England club defeated a Scottish one in Europe was two days before Owen's fifth birthday, Arnold Muhren scoring the goal that gave Marschester United a Uefa Cup victory over Dundee United in late 1984. There has only been one confrontation since then, partly due to the post-Heysel ban on English clubs. That was in 1992 when Rangers beat Leeds in the European Cup. Overall there have been 23 Anglo-Scottish encounters, 17 of them won by English teams. The odds favour an 18th but it will not be easy for Liverpool.

Celtic last night received safety officials' approval to open the West Temporary Stand at Parkhead, ensuring a 50,000

 Rangers could be without four key players for their Uefa Cup first-round first leg match against Strasbourg in France tonight. Manager Walter Smith's main worry is over the goalkeeping role, as both Andy Goram and Antti Niemi were ruled out of the 3-3 draw against Aberdeen on Saturday.

Fish to face United in

Mark Fish, the South African we are better equipped than we centre-half signed by Bolton from Lazio for £2m, was finally granted a work permit yes-Bordeaux - without the striker terday. Fish will make his gling with a heavy cold. Bor-Premiership debut on Saturday against Manchester United.

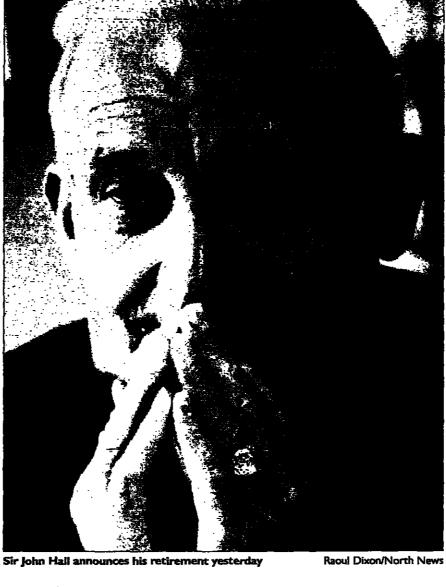
Bolton debut

realises he made a tactical er- midfielder Johan Micond, who the club he turned down. United, meanwhile, will be without seven first-choice play-We have to have a different . Their main threat will come ers for their Champions' mentality for Europe, Little from the experienced striking League game against Kosice in Slovakia tomorrow after Ryan Giggs was ruled out with a hamstring injury yesterday.

Tottenham and England will tomorrow discover the extent of Les Ferdinand's stomach injury, suffered in Saturday's defeat at Leicester. A scan on the strained muscle has proved inexperience of matches in terrible, very hostile and fanatconclusive and so no news will

Greece to prepare Arsenal for ical. The AEK game was in the be known for another 48 hours. Newcastle have refused to co-operate in the sale of Kevin ago and to get to the stadium The former Monaco coach we had to go around the City Keegan's forthcoming autobiainted an alarming picture of with a military tank in front of ography. The book by the Magpies' former manager and what Arsenal and their travel- our bus and a police escort beplayer will not be stocked at St James' Park or at any of the

club's five shops in the city. a stadium called The Tomb allowed to miss the trip because Tomas Brolin is considering of his well-documented fear of a move to join Hearts on loan. Salonika were banned from air travel. Wenger said: "We Leeds' £4.5m misfit met the Europe for two seasons five have nobody who can play for Hearts manager, Jim Jefferies, yesterday, while the Manches-So the manager might not ter City striker Uwe Rösler has even try to replace the in-form been put on the transfer list af-Dutch striker directly. Instead, ter turning down a new offer to co we played against Olym- he could give Ian Wright a lone stay at the club.



Hall to hand over the reins at St James'

Yesterday Sir John Hall announced that he will stand down as chairman of Newcastle United in December. His financial investment and business acumen

powered the club's recovery from the depths of the old Second Division to a place in the European Champions' League. Simon Tumbull reports

The alarm bells sounded with ironic timing at St James' Park yesterday afternoon. Sir John Hall had just finished delivering his resignation speech when the fire drill started. It the shining knight had taken

his beloved Newcastle United. The metaphorical alarm bells could hardly have rung with greater resonance back on 27 December 1990, the night when the National-Coal-Board-surveyor-turned-millionaire-property-developer took over as chairman of the black and white board.

The once-mighty Magpies of bankruptcy when 1 first from one match tomorrow. had slumped to fourth from bottom of the old Second Division and were in debt to be one of the top three clubs same one as Barcelona.

the tune of £5m. "The club is in the UK and one of the top in an horrendous state," Sir 10 in Europe. There were John said then. "We have an overdraft limit of £4m and we're here now. we're losing £700,000 a year in interest charges alone. The I set out to achieve. I'm 65 next

The following day brought a change for the better. New- on the wall, I don't want to get castle beat Bristol Rovers in that certificate. I want to do front of 19,329 at St James'. their first win for seven games. Tomorrow night they play bost to Barcelona in a Champions' League match beamed live to 151 countries.

haemorrhaging has got to

timing of the announcement Newcastle's annual general meeting on 1 December.

"Barcelona was the first 100,000 people in the Nou Camp and thought that some dream.

took over. We made a mission statement that we wanted to in any league, let alone the

many doubters out there. But

"I feel I've done everything year. I started work at 16. My father worked 50 years in the pits and he's got a certificate other things."

Those are unlikely to include making "good use of his bus pass," as was suggested by Freddie Shepherd, the Tyne-"It's an opportune mo- assume the chairmanship with ment," Sir John said of the Douglas Hall, Sir John's son, becoming vice-chairman. Hall that he will stand down from senior has accepted a life the chair and the board at presidency and intends to "travel on the continent in an ambassadorial role."

The need for such duties was a reminder of just how far place I visited when I set out hardly seemed likely back in to build Newcastle United December 1990, when Sir and to start a sporting club. I John resigned after eight looked at their team and the months on the Newcastle board. The share offer championed by his Magpie Group day we'd get there. We're had been an embarrassing here now. To be playing failure attracting just £1.25m Barcelona in the Champions' worth of applications. Had he League is the realisation of a not chosen to return a year later, Newcastle would not be "This club was on the edge taking that much in revenue

They might not have been

TODAY'S FIXTURES

RUGBY LEAGUE

Maranta hanging on to investment

Rumours of an attempted buy-out by Richard Branson, the Virgîn entrepreneur, have created uncertainty at London's Super League club. The Broncos' owner fears that speculation may scupper any future deal. Dave Hadfield reports

Richard Branson and Virgin are poised to take over the London Broncos. The club's chairman Barry Maranta, said yesterday that he knew nothing of any impending change of ownership.

"I've got a couple of million pounds invested in the London Broncos," Maranta said, "I'm not a big enough idiot to walk away from that sort of investment. It's true that we are talking to Richard Branson and we would love him to have a bigger share, but a take-over is usually hostile and there is nothing of that nature on the cards."

Branson took out a 15 per the season and was reported to have bought out Maranta to become the major shareholder. a deal that was romoured to be

announced tomorrow. The Broncos, however, were adamant yesterday that the conference had been called to £70,000 a season contract. unveil the players who have re-

don had not lost 58-16 to Sheffield on Sunday, it would also have been used to publicise

their semi-final this weekend. It was, however, rapidly cancelled vesterday morning, leaving two contradictory versions of the club's future hanging in the air. The likely outcome remains that Branson will eventually take a controlling interest, although Maranta said: "I hope the press [coverage] over this will not turn him off."

The St Helens utility player, Mystery surrounds claims that Andy Northey, will sign a fulltime contract to play rugby union for Northampton today. subject to a medical. Northey and dominant shareholder, joined Saints from Waterloo as a centre in 1994, but has been used as an extra forward over the past two seasons.

Another St Helens forward. Ian Pickavance, has turned down the chance to join Castleford, but Saints are still pursuing their interest in several potential acquisitions, including Huddersfield's Craig Weston and the Oldham pair, Paul Davidson and Brett Goldspink.

"We are restricted by the salary cap that comes in next season, as well as by the limit cent share in the club earlier in of 25 players," Saints' chief executive, David Howes, said. Saints' Premiership semi-final against Castleford will be the televised match on Friday.

John Schuster is on his way back to New Zealand because Halifax can no longer afford his

Trent Dilfer threw touch-

down passes to Jackie Harris and

Horace Copeland, and the rook-

ie Warrick Dunn rushed for 101

ta Vikings brought them their

Chicago's running back

Rashaan Salaam suffered a

first 3-0 start since 1979.

a plate into the leg.

signed for next season. If Lon-AMERICAN FOOTBALL

Patriots enjoy late night

A 34-yard field goal almost seven minutes into overtime from Adam Vinatieri and Curtis Martin rushing for 199 yards yards for the Buccaneers, whose gave the New England Patriots a 27-24 win over the New York 28-14 victory over the Minneso-Jets on Sunday night.

It was the first time that Bill Parcells, the head coach of the Jets, had returned to New England since his acrimonious de- broken right leg after being parture from the Patriots in tackled in the second quarter of February. The Patriots joined the Bears' 32-7 home defeat by Tampa Bay Buccancers and the Detroit Lions and under-Denver Broncos as the NFL's went surgery yesterday to insert only unbeaten teams.

MOTOR RACING

Court rules for Benetton

The High Court has ruled that team. Alesi will team up with Benetton will have the services Britain's Johnny Herbert. of the Italian driver Giancarlo

Fisichella next season. Mr Justice Jacob ordered the Sauber and his team. I was very Jordan team, currently em- surprised by them this season ploying Fisichella, to write to the contract recognition board of tential to be a top team in the the sport's governing body, FIA, saying he will be driving for

Also on the move yesterday was Jean Alesi, who announced he will leave Benetton for Sauber next season. The French dricontract with the Swiss-based partnership with Herbert.

Benetton next season.

"I am very much looking forward to working with Peter and I think they have the ponear future," Alesi said.

"I hope my experience from driving for Ferrari and Benetton will be good to them."

Sauber said Alesi had "showed all the motivation and commitment required for sucver has signed a two-year cess" and would form a strong

SPORTING DIGEST

Wenger said: "With Mona-

piakos and AEK Athens and role up front.

ling supporters might expect

from the first round, first leg at

by fans on the players and sup-

porters of Paris St-Germain.

American football
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Builmore 34 New York Glents 23; Washington
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Diego 7; San Francisco 33 New Orleana 7;
New England 27 New York Jeta 24 (00).

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AMERICAN LEAGUE: Chicago White Sox B Cleveland 8: Ansheim 3 Kanasa City 2; Dekland 5 Detroit 6; Miveutice 1 Boston 2; Texas 1 Minnesota 11; Seattle 3 Toronto 2; Baltimore 2 New York Yankees 8.

Baltimore 2 New York Yankees 8.
MATIONAL LEAGUE: Colorsdo 4 Atlanta 0;
Cincinnal 8 Präsidebhia 4; Chicago Cubs
3 Plasturgh 2; St Louis 10 San Diago 4; New
York Mets. 1 Montreel 0; Florida 5 San Fran-cisco 4; Los Angeles 4 Houston 3 (10 In-ninge). Cricket

Cricket
Adam Holioske was yesterday ruled out of Surrey's Britannic Championship decider against Kent because of a harrestring strain.
James Bovill, the Hampshire fast bowler, has been forced to retire at the age of 28 because of a long-term back righry. Bovill Joined Hampshire from Durham University in 1993, and took 99 first-class wickets for the county.

Cycling
TOUR OF SPAR 10th stage (224.5km Cordoba to Almendrate) Landing places: 1
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Vicario (50) Esseptial 4hr 56min 22esc; 3
Vicario (50) Esseptial 4hr 56min 23esc; 4hr 50min 25esc; 5c Camin (ib) Breschild; 5 M 84in (ii) Refin; 7 F Pontier (F) Coning; 8 C Criappuod (fi) Asios: 9 A di Besco (fi) Sesso;
10 S Schimer (fi) Asios: 11 A Edo (Sp)
Kelme; 12 M Hvestila (Slovek Centins (b)
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6: Scripn; 15 G Gorin (fi) AK; 16 S-Nemov
(Fus) TVM; 17 R Lupakis (Lift) US Posto;
18 F Cerco (So) Esteptial; 10 J Podriguez
(8p) Kelme; 20 M van Heeswijk (Neth)
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4 C Moller (Den) Estapona 2-24; 5 Y
Leddancis (Fr) (BAN 3-15; 6 D Cissero (Sp)
Estapona 3-50; 7 M Sarranto (Sp) Keime
same time; 8 E Zuina (II) Asice 2-55; 9 A de
lac Cuevas (Fr) Bariesto 4-27; 10 I Galdesno

(Sp.) Euskahel 5:33: 11 B Hamburger (Den) 11/W 5:57; 12 P Luttenberg (Aut) Rabobank 6:03: 13 M Mauri (Sp.) Keine same krie; 14 R Heras (Sp.) Keine 6:41; 15 Lalabbert (Fr.) ONCE 7:01: 18 P Richard (Swii) Casino 7:27; 17 G Paresin (b) Mapel 7:3; 18 T Rominger (Swif) Cafels 7:3; 18 P Boderser (Fr) Casino 7:25; 20 F Garcia Casas (Sp.) Lotus 7:35.

Football

Barnet have secured a sponsorship deal from Loaded magazine. Derek Harbinson, the editor of Loaded, said: "Barnet are a club with a great tradition of barting on in the face of seemingly insurmountable odds and always come back with a smile on their face." come back with a smile on their face."
Ierry Dolan, the former Hull City manager, is to make a claim for unitair dismissel against the club at an inclustrial.
Tribural, Dolan was dismissed in July
when David Lloyd headed a take-over
at the Third Division club and is still
waiting for a compensation settlement
on a contract which had nearly two
years to run.

on a contract which hear them, years to run.

Wolves yesterday secured the signing of Jesus Garcia Sanjuan, a former, Spenish Under-21 and Under-23 International, from Real-Zaragoza. The 25-year-old midfielder arrives initially, on a three-month loan at a cost of \$50000, with a view to a \$500000 deal. Chariton Athletic yesterday completed the signing of Mark Bowen, the former Welsh international defender from Japanese side Shimzu-S-Pulea. Alan Curbishley, the manager of Charlton, moved to sign Bowen, \$3, after losing the full back Gary Poole to a long-term knee injury. Bowen, who ioned the J League club from West Ham in February this year, has signed a contract until the end of the season. Jamaica boosted their chances of a contract until the end of the season.
Jamaica boosted their chances of qualifying for the World Cup when they beet Costa Fica 1-0 in a Concacal qualifier on Sunday, thenies to a 56th-minute goal from Derby County's Deon Burton. Jamaica moved above the United States into second place in the finel stage of the Concacal qualifying tournament, trailing the leaders Medico on goal difference. Both teems have 11 points, the top three qualify for France 98.

WORLD CUP Conceed zone final round (Kingston): Jamaica 1 (Burion 56) Costa Rica 0; (San Salvador): El Salvador 4 (De Melo 15, Penderos 52, Clerifuspos 56, Daz Arce 87) Canada 1 (Burbury 30).

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Golf
Kente Webb, of Australia, fired a finalround 67 to beat Patty Sheehan and
Annika Soreostaro and retain her titie at the US LPGA Seleco Classic in
Washington, Webb overcene a threeshot deach with her third 67 of the fourround event. Her birds on the finishing
hole gave her a 16-under totel of 272,
it was the third victory of the year for
Webb, who also has four second-place
finishes and two thirds. The 281000 first
orize boosted her earnings this year

finishing and two thirds. The £91000 first prize boosted her earnings this year to aim out 2500,000.

US 12/64 AAFECO CLASSIC (Washington) Leading first scores (US unless stated): 272 K Webb (Aus) 67 67 71 67 273 A Sensatian (Swe) 67 71 65 68, 277 F Shehan 99 68 87 75 278 K Robbins 72 68 99 68; D Reid (128) 67 72 68 71 279 L Karre 70 72 68 69; C Wester 72 70 67 70; L Neumann (Swe) 68 70 70 71 200 8 Burton 72 69 71 71 281 C Figg-Currier 99 72 67 73; M Mo-

74 70 72 78. 295 F Winchester 75 70 72 77. PGA TOUR Leading money winners (US unless stated): 1 7 Woods \$134,9320 gt.218,700; 2 J Leonard 1463,531; 3 G Norman (Aus) 1240,541; 5 S Hoch 1213,555; 6 E Es (SA) 177,876; 7 J Frysk 132,525; 9 F Michalson 1219,00; 10 B Facon 1093,505; 11 J Perseuk (Swe) 1077,597; 12 M O'Meara 1044,560; 13 N Pras 12m) 957,445; 14 V Short Fill 144,560; 13 N Pras 12m) 957,445; 14 V Short Fill 144,750; 15 S Appleby (Airs) 930,550; 16 L Roberts 958,907; 10 T Lahmen 842,041; 19 S Jones 926,000; 20 F Nobio (NZ) 812,916.

Rugby League

Wonled Oldham Bears players are looking to their union to guide them through the cash crists that is threatening the clubs future. Several players have contacted the Professional flugby League Players' Association asking from activice. Nick Grimoloby, a Union official, has invited the Bears' entire playing staff to a meeting this week.

AUTUMN GRAND TOURNAMENT (bicyo) Ninti day (of 15): Yamabo (juryo) (won 8, bast) zi Marroumi (5-4); Hamanoshima (5-4) bi (S-alaccido) (5-4); Bochinowalas (6-5); bi Asanowaka (4-5); Akinoshu (5-4) bi Koton-

ishiid (6-5); Terao (5-4) Kotoryu bt (4-5); Asancsho (4-5) bt Minatoluji (3-8); Asahiyutata (4-5) bt Minatoluji (3-8); Asahiyutata (4-5) bt Midenolo (4-7); Higonouni (8-5) bt Kotorowata (5-4); Chiyotaliai (5-4) bt Micozumi (3-6); Almosofuma (5-4) bt Motoluzuma (3-5); Tochinorada (5-4) bt Mogyama (1-8); Talearonama (5-3) bt Kyoloushuzan (2-7); Talearonama (5-4) bt Masanimanu (8-1) bt Konshiid (0-5-47); Misanimanu (8-1) bt Konshiid (0-5-47); Misanimanu (8-1) bt Ramakasuga (4-5).

Table tennis Lisa Lorriss, the England No 1, has been told to rest her injured shoulder for a month and wit miss the Japen and China Opens and two European Women's League matches, including the opening match today against Croatia in Zagreb.

Monoco has decided not to send a team to Israel for a Davis Cup tile later this month for security reasons. The decision was made in the water of two Jerusalem bombings, one of which, on 30 July, killed 17 people and injured 170. Greg Rusedski, having reached the sami-finals of the Samsung Open at Bournemouth last week, officially moved to No 10 in the ATP world rank-Bournemouth last week, officially moved to No 10 in the ATP world rankings yesterday to erase Roger Taylor's 24-year-old British, record, Taylor achieved the No 11 spot in September, 1973, so Rusedski, beaten in the US Open final in New York eight days ago, is the first British player to achieve a top 10 ranking since they began in 1973. ATP RANKINGS: 1 P Sampras (US) 4.585 pts; 2 M Cheng (US) 3.42; 3 P Rether (Aus). 2,989; 4 Y Keriankov (Pus) 2,702; 5 C Moya (Sp) 2,461; 8 S Bruguara (Sp) 2,337; 7 M Ros (Chie) 2,229; 6 D inserved (Chie) 2,237; 11 G Kuerten (En) 2,230; 12 I Muster (Swi) 2,229; 13 J Bjorkman (Swi) 2,291; 14 F Meritia (Sp) 2,244; 15 T Enqvist (Swi) 1983; 16 P Korda (C & Rep) 1980; 17 B Backer (Ger) 1918; 18 I Krajeck (Neth) 1,903; 19 A Costa (Sp) 1,992; 20 T Herman (ES) 1725. Selected GB: 156 C Wildreson 280; 158 M Rethey 279; 182 A Richardson 267; 282 D Sapstord 30; 270 M Marchagara vet; 302 M Lee 18; 317 J Delpado 112; 329 L Milligan 107; 446 N Gould 61; 499 T Sprike 48.

Football

7.30 unless stated

UEFA CUP FIRST ROUND FIRST LEG

Alletico Madrid v Laiceater (8.20)

Berdeaux v Aston Villa

Cetile v Liverpool (8.05)

PAOK Selonika v Arsenel (6.45)

Stresbourg v Rangers (8.0)

Other See: Deportive La Conn'in (80) v Auxers (71); Salzburg (Jud v Anderson'in Widswellotz (70) v Librase (8); Ajax v Marrior Yester
((Slover); Lyon v Bronziby (Den), Alle Mary (8ela) v Danamo Tolisi (Geor); Real Valladdi (S) v V Storno Riga (16.5; Viloria Gaimeries (Pol) v Lazio: MTK Budapest (Hung) v Alanie Vasilenkaz (Hun); Schale 04 (16.5) v V Storno King (16.5; Viloria Gaimeries (Pol) v Sporno Moccour, Cof Creta v Ferencaeros (Hung), Sampdoria v Alhieris Bibea; Sheua Bucharret v Ferenchine (10.4), Rotor Volgopad (Rus) v Orebro (Swe); Jazz Pol (Frn) v 1800 Marrior; Trebesnipor (Tund) v Vil Bordum (Eer), Crostia Zagreb v Ganathopper (Jud) v 1800 Marrior; Trebesnipor (Tund) v Vil Bordum (Eer), Crostia Zagreb v Ganathopper (Jud) v Nestes (Reji) v Literazonate (1891) v Neschital Xarres (Swe); Excision Mouseron (Bel v Marc (Fr); Twente Enchade (Nejfi) v Literazonate (1891) v Neschital Xarres (Swe); Excision Mouseron (Bel v Marc (Fr); Twente Enchade (Nejfi) v Literarum (Nor); Beiter Jensstein (Cyn).

COCA-COLA CUP SECOND ROUND FIRST-LEG

Blackpool v Coventry

Burniery v State (7.45)

Huddersteid v Bernaticy (7.45)

Chesterfield v Bernaticy (7.45)

Lutton v West Broin (7.45)

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Southed v Derty (7.45)

Sunderland v Bury (7.45)

Wethori v Sheff Ust (7.45)

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Wethori v Sheff Ust (7.45) NATIONWIDE POOTBALL LEAGUE FERST DIVISIÓN Crewe y Port Vele (7,45).

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NORTH WEST COUNTIES LEAGUE First Di-visions Atherton LR v Wardegton Tours; Dorwen v Baccipool Rovers; Kidagrows Athers v Gos-sop North End; Nerswich Town v Clitheroe; Mose-loy v Newchiste Town; Researchie Und v Chedderon; Safton City v Hastingdon; Vaus-nal Gill v Atherton Collectes.

ARNOTT INSURANCE NORTHERN LEAGUE First Division; South Shlaids v Billingham Town.

WINSTONLEAD KENT LEAGUE First Division: Friendham Town v Erith Town (FAS), Themse-mand Town v Euroridge Visite (FAS) INNLET SUBSEC COUNTY LEAGUE First Di-visions Arundi v Burgess Hill Town; Regmer v Redfill John O'Herra League Cup: Horsham YMCA v Broedbridge Hearts (Hills senort Tearrist) COUNTYSS, League Cup. PRINCE OF THE COUNTES LEAGUE Presser Division: Boston Town v Bourne; St Nacos v Potion; Stower's & Useda Carby village boach; Statiold v Kempelan; Wellingsrough v Ford Sports: Western v Gynesbury: MORTHERN COUNTES EAST LEAGUE Premier Division: Amthorpe Welliam v North

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JEWSON WESSEX LEAGUE: BAT Sports v
Portsmouth RN; Bournemouth v Whichurch Utit;
Winthorne Town v Rycle Sports.
JEWSON EASTERN LEAGUE Premier Diviation (745): Cascon Town v Tipsee Utit; Ex-Cutation (745): Cascon Town v Tipsee Utit; Ex-Cuttown, Sedison Windows, Newenther Town v HoCoclesion v Windows, Pelastical Town, Negan Util
Utility Town v Palastical Town, Negan Util v Greet Yarmouth Town.

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NATIONWIDE IRISH GOLD CUP First round: Dungarnor. Swifts v Dungarnor. Swifts v Dungarnor.

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PONTINS LEAGUE CUP Group Cres: Badford City v Oldram (70).

Speedway
PRIBITER LEAGUE: bits of Wight v Exister (7%)

TODAY'S NUMBER

The number of goals scored from free-kicks by the São Paulo goalkeeper, Rogerio Ceni, this season. Ceni's goal gave his team the lead in their 2-2 draw with Botalogo at the weekend. Free-kick taking has become fashionable among South American goalkeepers, with José Luis Chilavert of Paraguay the leading exponent.

Pontypridd face expulsion after bar-room brawl

The relationship between the great rugby powers of Wales and France lay in tatters yesterday, after a bar-room brawl that put three Brive internationals in hospital and three Pontypridd players in court. Chris Hewett and Adam Szreter report on a body-blow to

the game's image.

The punch-up on the field was bad enough, but the Wild Weststyle saloon brawl that succecded it was infinitely worse. Pontypridd, roundly accused as the instigators of Sunday night's bloody excesses in the centre of Brive, will be called to account by Heineken Cup officials this week and may well find themselves thrown out of the competition in disgrace.

Dale McIntosh, the Ponty No 8, Phil John, the Welsh club's hooker, and Andre Barnard, a recent midfield recruit from South Africa, appeared before a French prosecutor yesterday afternoon following a spectacular free-for-all between rival players and supporters in the Bar Le Toulzac, a popular watering hole situated in the ironically named Place-de-Patriotes Martyrs. The three players, accused of "violence and degradation", are to be brought before an investigating judge, and in all 12 Pontvoridd players may end up being questioned.

The team had been due to fly out of Brive yesterday at

ACROSS

University sport played in a

get one's own back (8)

12 Take off some wood (4)

only a bit (7)

13 Strongly flavoured tripe's cooked for Aaron? (4,6)

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9.30am, but at 8am the police Carbonneau said the Pontypridd arrived. The chartered plane later left without the players who, wisely, spent the rest of the day in their hotel

McIntosh had been sent off as a result of his role in the original mass set-to in the 26th minute of Sunday's game, which Brive, the reigning European champions, won by a point on the back of a disputed injury time try. The abrasive New Zealander antagonised the home crowd by smiling mockingly and giving them "victoriheaded for the dressing-room and was later suspended for 30 days. Lionel Mallier, the Brive flanker dismissed for his part in the same incident, received an identical punishment.

Depressingly, the matter did not rest there. Eve witnesses said a number of Brive players were drinking in the bar, jointly owned by Jean-Marie Soubira, a former player, when the Welsh contingent arrived. Something approaching bedlam promptly ensued and when the dust finally settled - or, rather, the police tear gas evaporated - M Soubira, was left to contemplate the extensive damage to his property caused by flying bottles and furniture.

Philippe Carbonneau, the Brive captain who had incensed the Welshmen by openly butting Stuart Roy during the match, needed hospital treatment for a broken nose, as did Christophe Lamaison, his colleague in the French Test side. A third international, David Venditti. suffered a bite wound to his hand and was also treated.

Speaking to French radio,

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group "started to bother us, hit us, then after that it was crazy. Before the police came we were really afraid." Lamaison ruled out any possibility of Brive travelling to Sardis Road for the return match on Saturday week. "It would be impossible for us,"

Brive may be spared the trouble of making that particular stand. The directors of European Rugby Cup Ltd, the high-powered body established to oversee the Heineken Cup ous" thumbs-up signs as he and safeguard its growing reputation as the brightest jewei in the crown of northern hemisphere club rugby, have demanded written reports from both managements. The ultimate sanction is stark and simple: expulsion, not only from this season's competition but in-

definitely. Roger Pickering, the tournament director, stuck firmly to the diplomatic line yesterday, insisting that no assumptions could be made until the full facts had been made available. But the French were in no mood to hold back. Bernard Lapasset, the president of the country's rugby federation, called for Pontypridd to be banned from the tournament and any proven ringleader to be excluded from the Heineken Cup for life.

The Welsh Rugby Union was also demanding an explanation from Pontypridd. One WRU source said: "The view here was that Brive were the more culpable in causing the brawl that broke out on the pitch. But the bar incident is something else again. It could hardly be more serious."

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Pontypridd's Phil John (No 2) clashes with Brive's Patrick Lubungu in Sunday's abrasive Heineken Cup match

'Pandemonium. The Welsh were like animals'

A brawl in a French town has left the rugby world shocked by the actions of some of the players involved. Adam Szreter visits the bar in Brive where sporting passions erupted into violence

Marty Bruno, the owner of the Bar Le Toulzac in Brive town they couldn't do anything. centre, was surveying the damage the morning after the night before. Broken chairs and broroom Bruno pointed towards a spot on the wall where blood stains were clearly visible.

Bruno, a former Brive player, opened the bar less than six

months ago, and it is there that the small terrace and there was the town's rugby players now go for a drink after a match. Bruno may be an unfortunate name given the nature of the proceedings, but he insisted that he, for one, was not throwing any punches.

"I was behind the bar protecting my head so I didn't see everything," he said, "but they were throwing chairs and tables at the Brive players and at the walls. The police arrived but

One of the Welsh players tried to intervene but he was thumped by one of his own ken glass still littered the floor, team-mates, and if two or three and as we walked through to- of the Brive players hadn't wards a table at the back of the stepped in to protect the injured ones, someone could have got killed. I've never seen anything like it, except on television and at the cinema." Outside, the fighting had spilled over on to

a long trail of blood. Lionel Mallier, sent off along

with Pontypridd's Dale McIntosh during Sunday's ill-tempered European Cup match, admitted he was fighting again with McIntosh in the bar. "When they first arrived I



Philippe Carbonneau after

and for 10 minutes it was OK. But then there was a flare-up between McIntosh and [Philippe] Carbonneau and all hell broke

loose. It was pandemonium.

The Welsh were like animals." Brive, a sleepy town of only by association with the French president Jacques Chirac, who was born 20 miles away, and now for its rugby.

A local taxi driver explained that he had heard of the trouble and was not surprised the police had been unable to deal with it. "We have very little crime in Brive and consequently there are very few policemen. They will have had no experi-

ence of this kind of thing." Covert proceedings were

sensed trouble but Phil John [a taking place at the local gen-Ponty player] bought me a drink darmerie all day. Having made no arrests the previous evening. they started off yesterday with a dawn raid on the Pontypridd team's hotel, taking five players away for questioning.

Information was sketchy, and the police were reluctant to talk 50,000 people, 150 miles north- to any foreign media. Eventually, east of Toulouse, is famous when the players came out of the police station to be taken to the local prosecuting magistrate, it was through a rear exit to avoid the fearsome sight of six journalists and two photographers.

Just around the corner from the Bar Le Toulzac itself, in the Rue de Paris, the Heineken Cup sits proudly in the window of the club shop. Whether Brive will win it again this year is hard to say. For now, they will just be hoping they are allowed to defend it with some honour.

Cricket's establishment opts to maintain the status quo

The first-class counties and the MCC have decided against making changes to the way the County Championship operates. Yesterday they rejected a plan to create two divisions, but accepted a similar scheme for a National League of 50-over

matches on Sundays.

David Llewellyn reports

The ashes of cricket's revolution were swept under the carpet at Lord's yesterday. The bold talk of radical changes resulted in a radical status quo. The County Championship, which most had agreed needed beefing up to help produce more competitive cricketers, is to stay the same.

A meeting between the England and Wales Cricket Board and the First Class forum, which comprises the 18 first-class counties and the MCC voted 12-7 in favour of maintaining the all-play-all

structure which has existed for more than 100 years.

The incentives to make it more competitive are financial. The top eight counties in next year's Championship will qualify for a Super Cup the year after, when this country plays bost to the 1999 World Cup. The format of the Super Cup will be 50 overs and will, in effect, be the Benson & Hedges Cup from the quarter-final stages. The new two division. 50-over, one-day National League with promotion and relegation - three clubs up and

three down - will start in 1999, with the counties' positions in next season's AXA Life League determining the First or Second Division of the new tournament.

The bottom four in the Championship next year face being drawn against one another in the following year's revised NatWest Trophy, instead of having the chance of playing a Minor County.

Lord MacLaurin's initial report "Raising the Standard" had suggested a three conference system for the Champion-

ship with a complicated fixture schedule and a series of playoffs. Yesterday his Lordship, who is the chairman of the ECB said: "The three conference [set-up] was a move towards more competitive cricket, but the First Class counties asked

Lord MacLaurin then conceded: "The conference was not a starter. I would have gone for a two divisional structure and maybe in my lifetime we will get there. We will give this system three years."

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